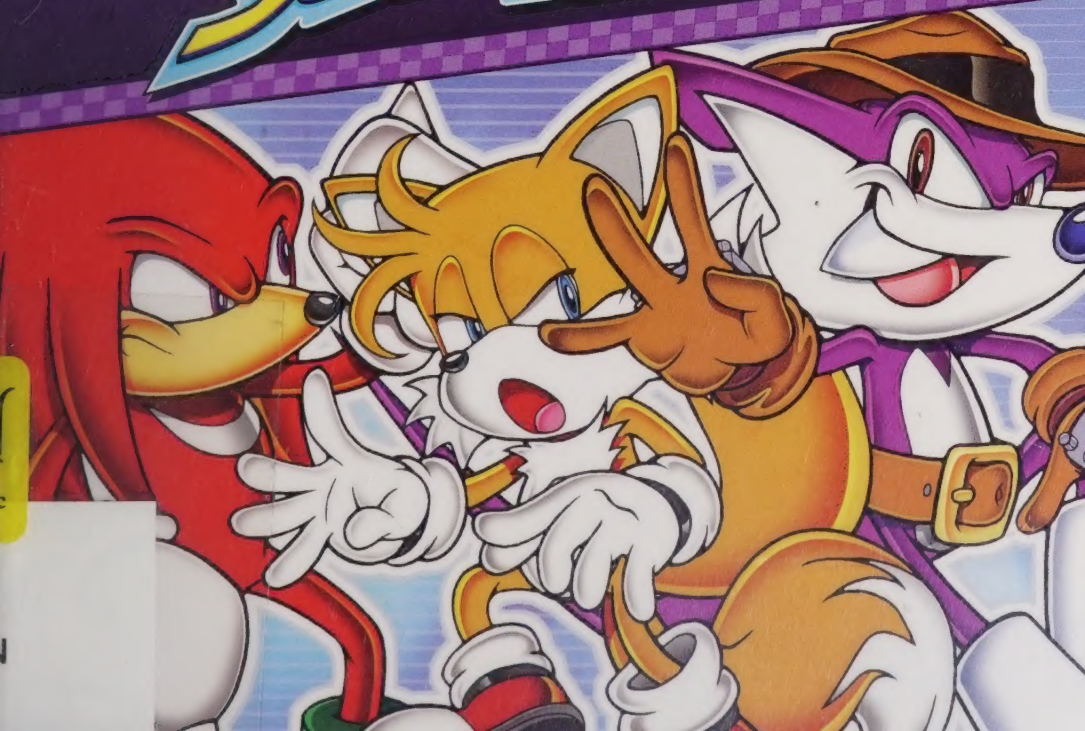





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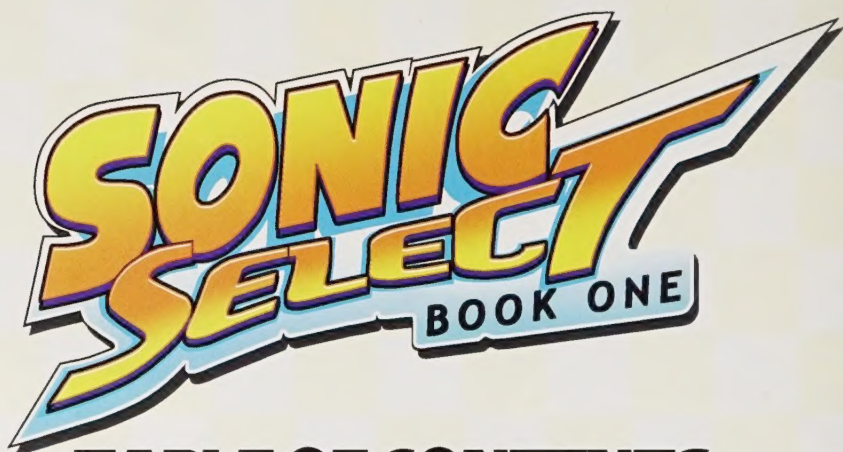


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## THE HEDGEHOG

# IN YOUR FACE!

I'VE ALWAYS SAID SONIC HAS A *BIG MOUTH*-- BUT THAT'S RIDICULOUS!



MAMAK & D'AGOSTINO



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PRINCESS  
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THE  
HEDGEHOG™

HEADS UP,  
INTRUDER! I'M  
SPRINGING  
AHEAD...

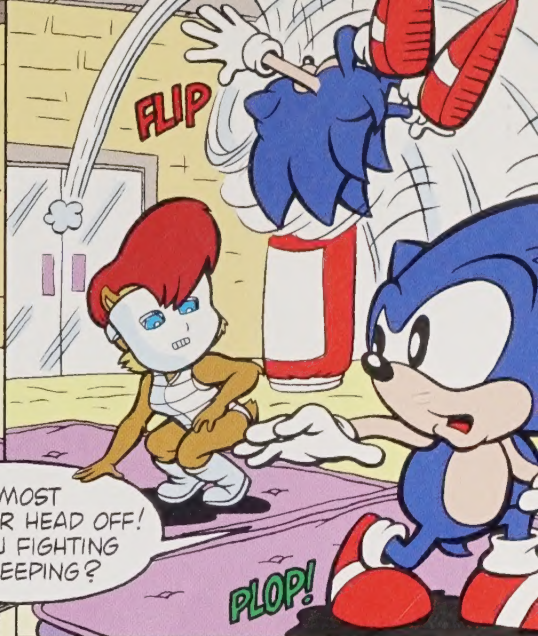
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...AND YOU'RE  
GOING TO BE FALLING  
BACKWARD!

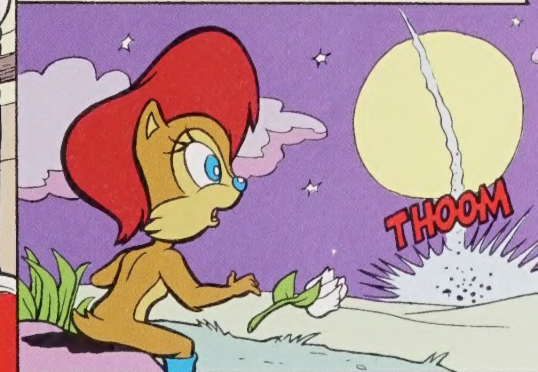
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"FIRST, IT WAS THE MYSTERIOUS  
ORB THAT FELL FROM THE SKY..."

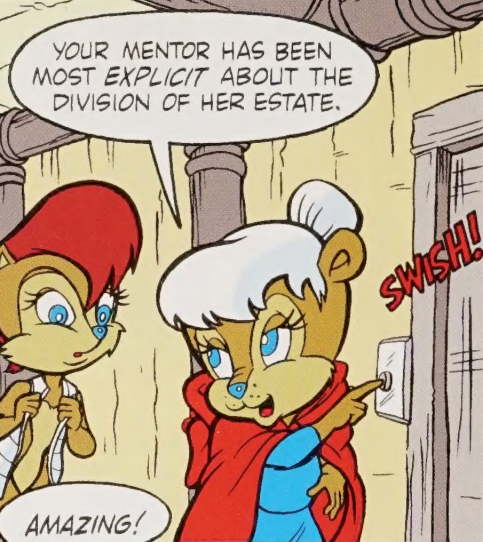


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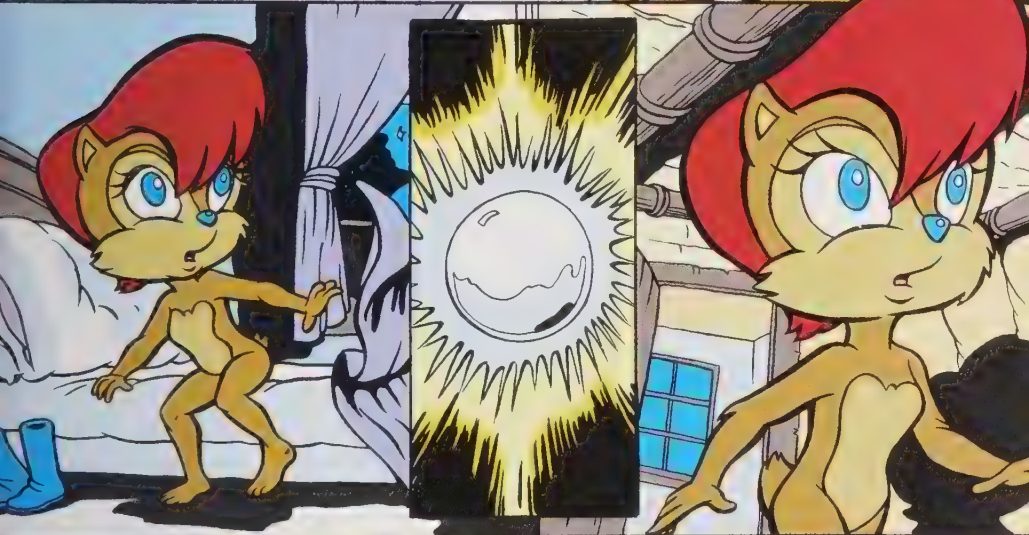
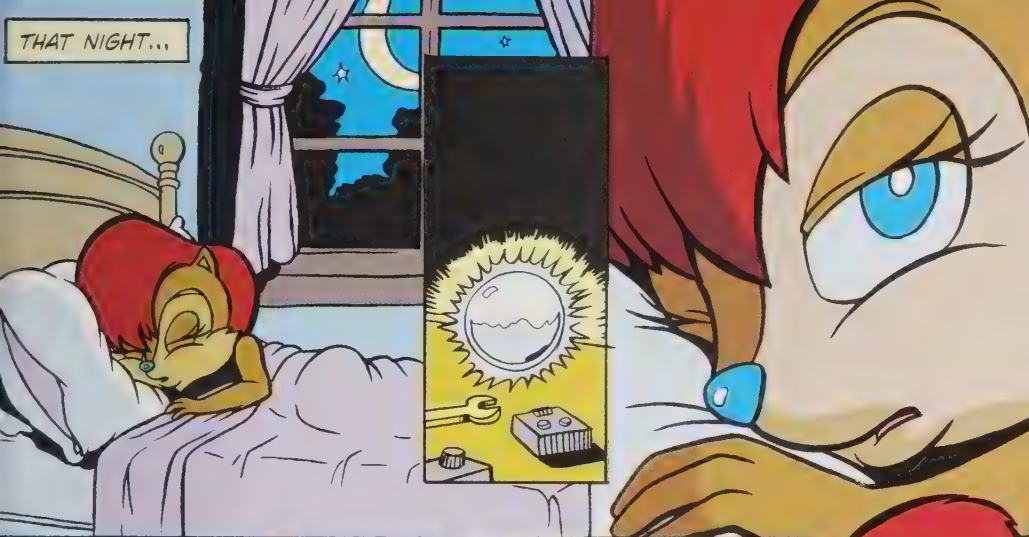
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THAT NIGHT...



MY NAME...

...IS NICOLE.

THAT TELLS ME WHO YOU ARE-- BUT NOT WHAT!

I WOULD BE YOUR FRIEND...

...BUT THAT IS A CHOICE ONLY YOU CAN MAKE.

Hmmm.

YOU REMIND ME VERY MUCH OF SOMEONE ELSE WHO ALWAYS ENCOURAGED ME TO MAKE MY OWN DECISIONS.

THANK YOU.

A HIGHER COMPLIMENT I COULD SCARCELY IMAGINE.

PRINCESS SALLY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING UP SO LATE?

IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT?

WE HEARD VOICES!





SUNSET, THE  
FOLLOWING DAY...

JULAYLA'S FINAL TESTAMENT CLAIMED THAT  
ALL I NEED TO ATTAIN ONENESS OF THE SOUL  
IS LOCKED WITHIN THE DARKNESS OF  
THE FORBIDDEN ZONE...

... A PLACE WHERE  
EVEN DOCTOR ROBOTNIK  
FEARS TO TREAD.

I COULD NEVER ASK  
THE OTHER FREEDOM FIGHTERS  
TO ACCOMPANY ME ON WHAT  
COULD PROVE TO BE  
SUCH A DANGEROUS  
AND PERSONAL MISSION.

SO...

...EXCEPT FOR  
YOU, NICOLE...

...I'LL HAVE  
TO GO IT  
ALONE!

GOING  
SOMEWHERE,  
PRINCESS?

WEREN'T THINKING  
OF HOGGING ALL THE  
GLORY FOR YOURSELF,  
WERE YOU?

SWISH!

SONIC





GUYS, I APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT, BUT THIS COULD BE DANGEROUS!

BESIDES, IT'S SOMETHING I NEED TO DO ON MY OWN!

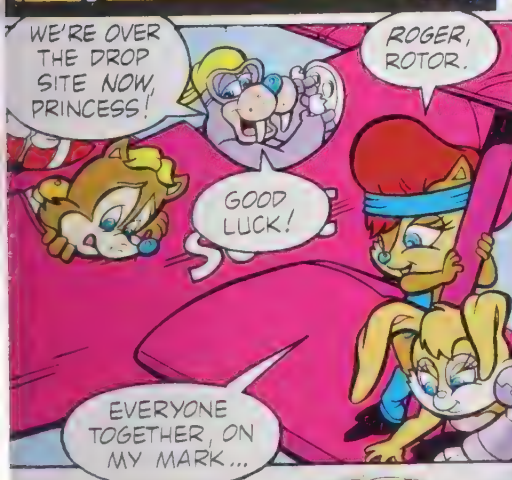


SEZ WHO?

EVERYONE NEEDS A FRIEND, SAL --

-- AND DANGER IS OUR BUSINESS!

SIGH! I CAN SEE IT'S POINTLESS TO ARGUE...

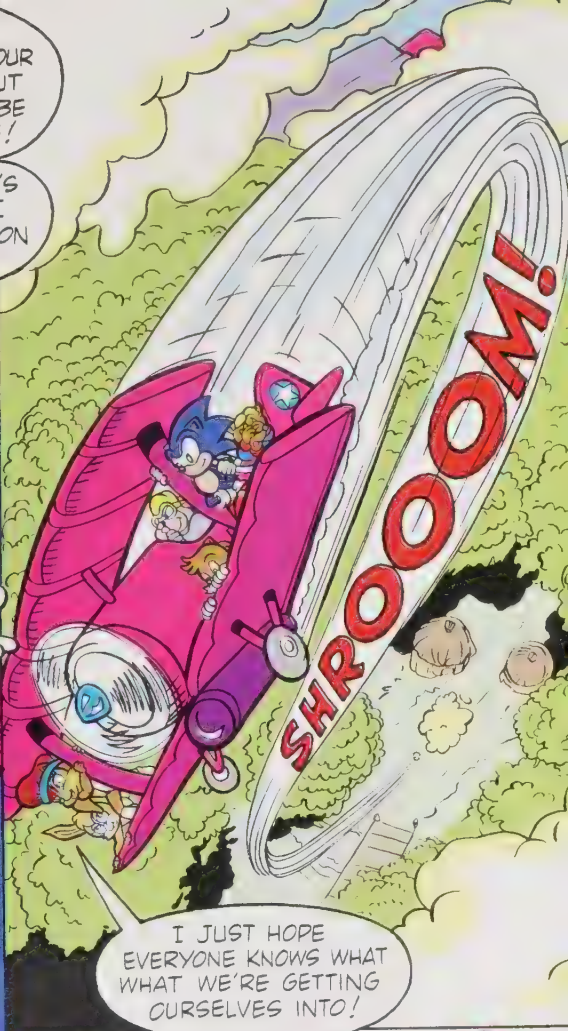


WE'RE OVER THE DROP SITE NOW, PRINCESS!

ROGER, ROTOR.

GOOD LUCK!

EVERYONE TOGETHER, ON MY MARK...

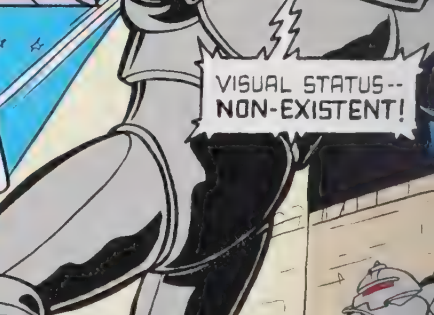
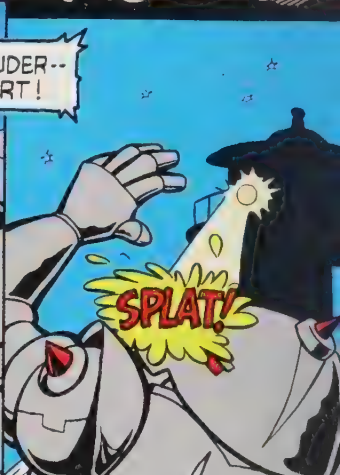
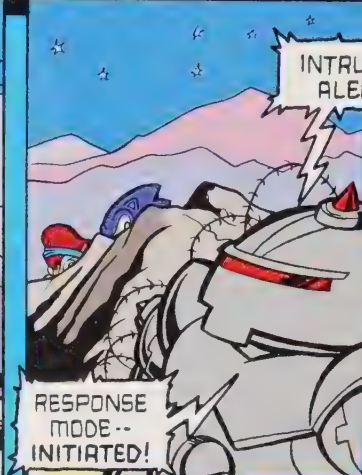


I JUST HOPE EVERYONE KNOWS WHAT WHAT WE'RE GETTING OURSELVES INTO!

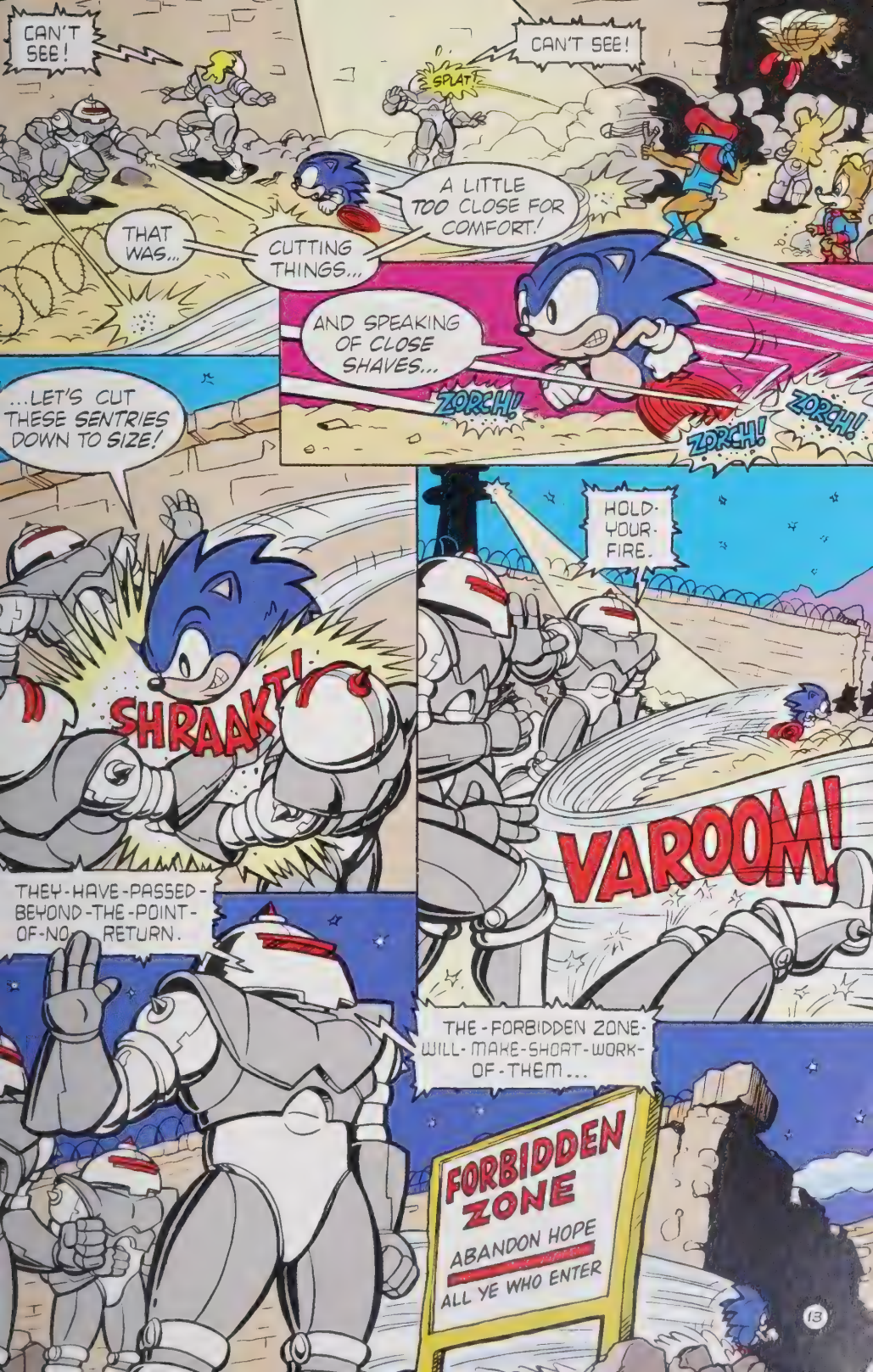


OH, MY...

I HAVE CONVENIENTLY FORGOTTEN MY FEAR OF ZEE HEIGHTS!







CAN'T  
SEE!

CAN'T SEE!

SPLAT

THAT  
WAS...

CUTTING  
THINGS...

A LITTLE  
TOO CLOSE FOR  
COMFORT!

AND SPEAKING  
OF CLOSE  
SHAVES...

ZORCH!

ZORCH!

ZORCH!

...LET'S CUT  
THESE SENTRIES  
DOWN TO SIZE!

SHRAAKT!

THEY HAVE PASSED  
BEYOND THE POINT  
OF NO RETURN.

HOLD  
YOUR  
FIRE.

VAROOM!

THE FORBIDDEN  
ZONE  
WILL MAKE SHORT  
WORK OF THEM...

FORBIDDEN  
ZONE  
ABANDON HOPE  
ALL YE WHO ENTER



"...AND-PROVE-THEIR-  
ULTIMATE-UNDOING!"

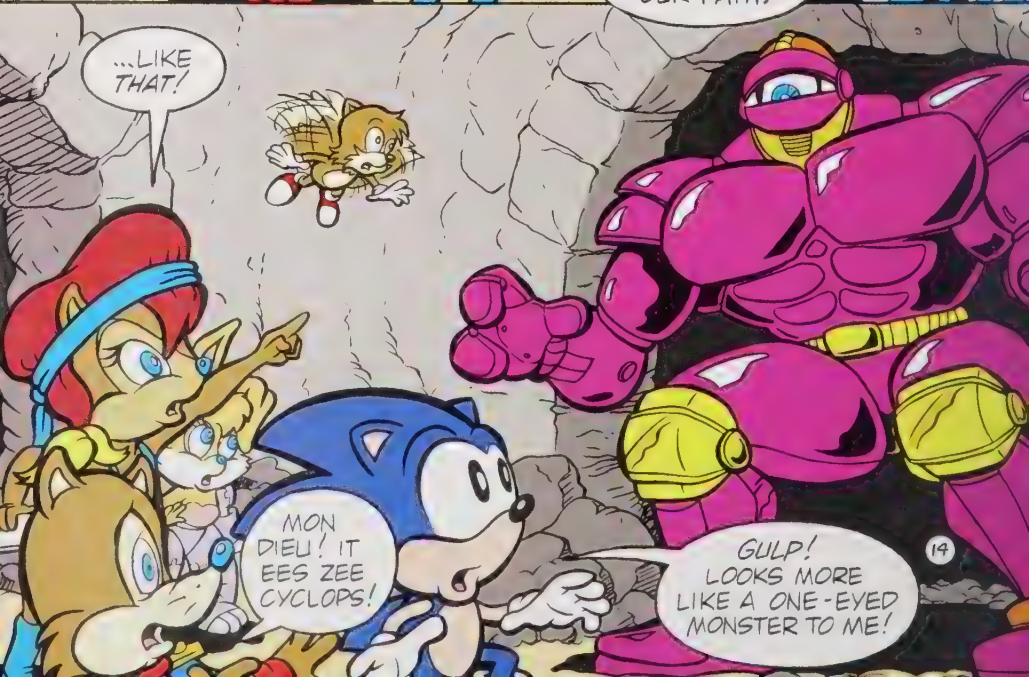


WE'RE IN!  
NOW WHAT?

THE MAP SAYS WE  
HEAD THATAWAY!



...LIKE  
THAT!



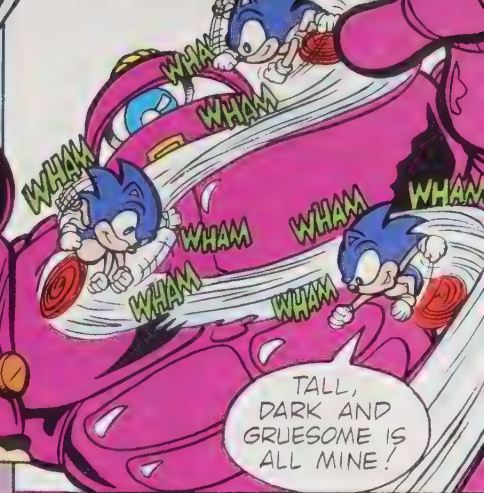
MON  
DIEU! IT  
EES ZEE  
CYCLOPS!

GULP!  
LOOKS MORE  
LIKE A ONE-EYED  
MONSTER TO ME!

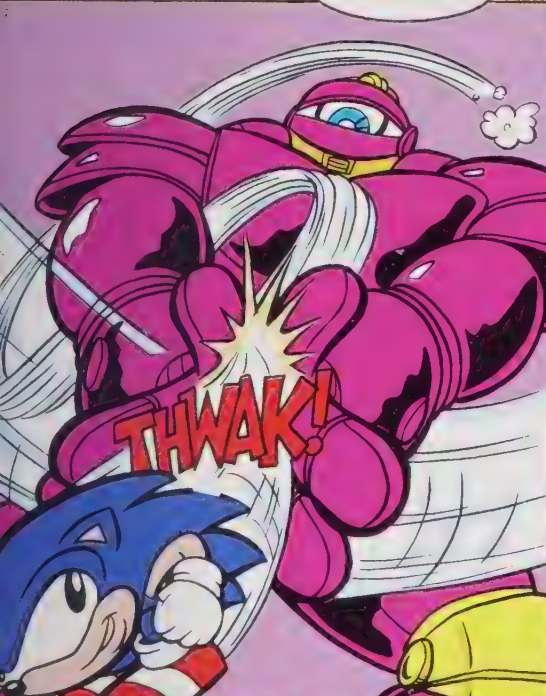




STAND BACK GANG...



TALL, DARK AND GRUESOME IS ALL MINE!



THWAK!



THWOK!



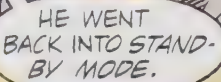
HUFF PUFFS  
BIG PALOOKA DOESN'T KNOW WHEN TO QUIT!

HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO GET PAST HIM... I MEAN IT?!

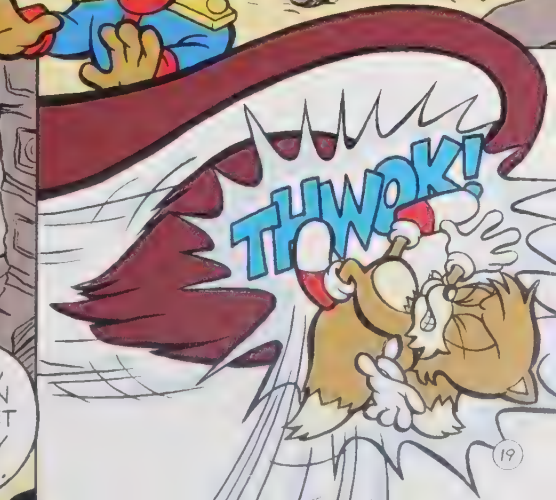
I COULDN'T SAY, SONIC...

BUT I KNOW SOMEONE WHO MIGHT!











GRON!

THAT GRIFFIN'S TOUGH! IF ONLY I HAD SOME SORT OF ...

WHOEVER PULLS THE SWORD FROM THIS STONE SHALL BE THE BEAST

WEAPON?

UH-OH!

FOR SONIC'S SAKE I HOPE THAT PLAQUE ISN'T SOMEONE'S IDEA OF A BAD JOKE!

"BETTER PULL THE SWORD OUT, PRONTO..."

FAWOOSH!

FAWOOSH!

FAWOOSH!

THWOK!

...BUT IT'S STUCK TIGHT!

MUSN'T... GIVE... UP...

GOTTA-KEEP-PULLING UNTIL...

UNTIL...





**SKEEEE-**

**-RAASH!**

EXCUSE ME... BUT WHAT JUST HAPPENED HERE?



BY FREEING THE SWORD FROM THE STONE...

TAILS BROKE THE CIRCUIT WHICH GRANTED THE GRIFFIN ITS MOBILITY.

THAT WAS VERY BRAVE, TAILS! BUT NEXT TIME PROMISE ME YOU'LL LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP!



YES, MA'AM!

ACCORDING TO THE MAP, WE'RE ALMOST THERE. I JUST HOPE WE DON'T RUN INTO ANY MORE...

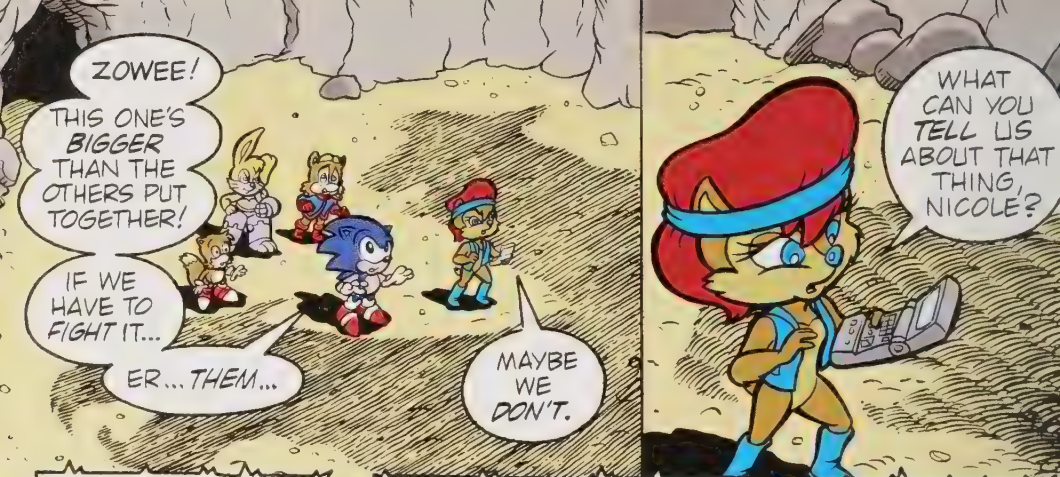


...TROUBLE.

AW, NO!

NOT AGAIN!





ZOWEE!

THIS ONE'S  
**BIGGER**  
THAN THE  
OTHERS PUT  
TOGETHER!

IF WE  
HAVE TO  
FIGHT IT...

ER...THEM...

MAYBE  
WE  
DON'T.

WHAT  
CAN YOU  
TELL US  
ABOUT THAT  
THING,  
NICOLE?

THE CREATURE BEFORE  
YOU IS THE LEGENDARY  
POLYSAURUS REX.

LONG THOUGHT TO BE EXTINCT,  
THIS TWO-HEADED, TWO-FACED  
BIOMECHANICAL WATCHDOG IS  
A WALKING CONTRADICTION  
IN TERMS.

ONE HEAD ALWAYS  
TELLS THE TRUTH,  
WHILE THE OTHER  
ALWAYS LIES--

AND NO ONE  
CAN EVER BE  
QUITE SURE WHICH  
HEAD IS WHICH.

BEYOND IT LIE  
TWO DOORS, ONE  
LEADS TO YOUR  
QUEST'S END--

THE OTHER,  
TOWARD CERTAIN  
DOOM.



CHOOSE YOUR  
WORDS WITH  
CARE, SALLY.

CHOOSE  
MY...

YOU MEAN  
I HAVE TO  
ASK IT A  
QUESTION?

ONE  
QUESTION...

...AND  
ONE  
ONLY!

PICK  
A  
HEAD...

... AND TAKE  
YOUR BEST SHOT!





VERY WELL.

YOU... ON THE LEFT! WHICH DOOR WOULD THE OTHER HEAD CLAIM LEADS TO QUEST'S END?



HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA

TRULY, YOU ARE WISE BEYOND YOUR YEARS, LITTLE PRINCESS.



MY BRETHREN WOULD COUNCIL YOU TO USE THE DOOR ON YOUR LEFT.

THAT'S IT, THEN!

LET'S JUICE!

NO, SONIC-- WE'RE TAKING THE DOOR ON THE RIGHT!



WHAT?

BUT HE JUST SAID--

THAT'S RIGHT!

THINK ABOUT IT...

IF HE WAS THE HEAD THAT TELLS THE TRUTH, HE WOULD HAVE TOLD US TRUTHFULLY THAT THE OTHER HEAD WOULD HAVE LIED.

ON THE OTHER HAND, IF HE WAS THE HEAD THAT LIES... THEN OBVIOUSLY IT WOULD STILL BE THE DOOR ON THE RIGHT!



WELL, SINCE WE AREN'T PUSHING UP DAISIES, I GUESS YOU MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE.

BUT THAT STILL DOESN'T TELL ME WHICH HEAD WAS WHICH!

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH, I DON'T KNOW EITHER! BUT NONE OF THAT MATTERS NOW!

WE'VE ARRIVED AT...

**Quest'S  
END!**

WOW...

LOOK AT THAT!

I SEE IT, SONIC!

A MINATURE VERSION OF JULAYLA'S HOPE CHEST!

THIS MUST BE WHAT WE CAME FOR!

I WONDER WHAT'S...

INSIDE?!

POP



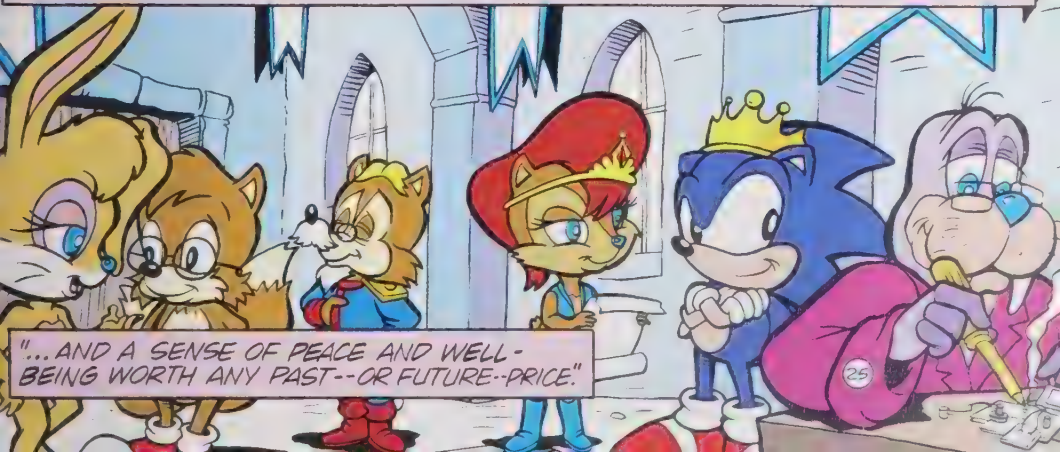


"I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MOMENT THEN..."



"JULAYLA'S WORDS HAVE SERVED ME IN GOOD STEAD FOR FULLY TWO DECADES!"

"AS HER FINAL TESTAMENT CLEARLY STATED, THE FULFILLMENT OF MY QUEST HAS INDEED GRANTED ME ONENESS OF THE SOUL..."



"BY HAVING FAITH IN MYSELF, THE WAR AGAINST ROBOTNIK WAS WON..."

"WE HAVE A KINGDOM NOW..."

VIEEEE!

"...AS WAS THE HEART OF MY BELOVED HEDGEHOGS."

"A FAMILY..."

"AND THE CHILDREN..."

"...HAVE A GRANDFATHER."

HOLD UP, YOU LITTLE SCAMPS!

YOU TWO ARE QUITE THE HANDFUL...

>HUFF<  
>HUFF<

BUT I WOULDN'T HAVE IT ANY OTHER WAY!

"NOW, AFTER ALL THESE MANY YEARS..."

"THE FINAL LINK IN AN ELABORATE CHAIN OF EVENTS IS ABOUT TO BE FORGED..."

DONE.

CLICK!

MY FRIENDS...

I GIVE YOU...

NICOLE!



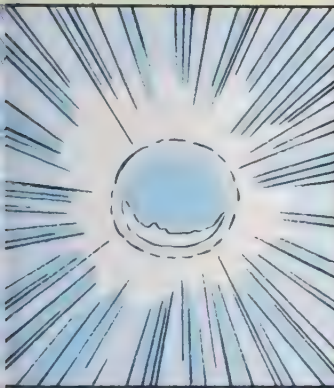


HELLO...  
OLD  
FRIEND.  
  
IT'S BEEN--  
A LONG TIME.

"AND IT WOULD BE LONGER STILL.  
ROTOR HAD SPENT YEARS STRIVING TO  
RECLAIM THE TECHNOLOGY THAT WAS  
LOST WHEN NICOLE WAS DESTROYED DURING  
THE DECISIVE BATTLE WITH ROBOTNIK. AND  
NOW THAT WE'RE FINALLY TOGETHER AGAIN...



"...I MUST ONCE MORE  
SAY GOOD-BYE.

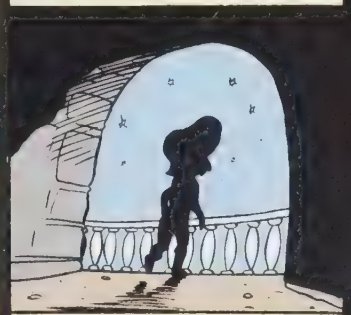


"EVER SINCE THE DIS-  
COVERY OF THE TRANS-  
TIME PORTAL, I KNEW  
WHERE NICOLE HAD  
COME FROM.



"AND WHY.

"SHE WAS A GIFT TO  
MYSELF, FROM MYSELF..



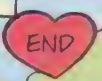
"A FRIEND, WHEN I  
NEEDED ONE THE MOST.

"WITHOUT HER, I MIGHT NEVER  
HAVE LIVED TO SEE THIS DAY...

"OR TO FULLY APPRECIATE  
JULAYLA'S PASSING, AND  
THE SIX LITTLE WORDS  
SHE LEFT BEHIND...



"TO THINE OWN  
SELF BE TRUE."



WAIT A MINUTE, SONIC FANS! IS THIS REALLY THE FUTURE OF THE FREEDOM  
FIGHTERS, OR JUST ONE OF THE MANY POSSIBLE "FUTURES" OF OUR HEROES?!  
KEEP READING FUTURE MONTHLY ISSUES OF SONIC THE HEDGEHOG...  
YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT EXCITING ADVENTURES LAY AHEAD...!



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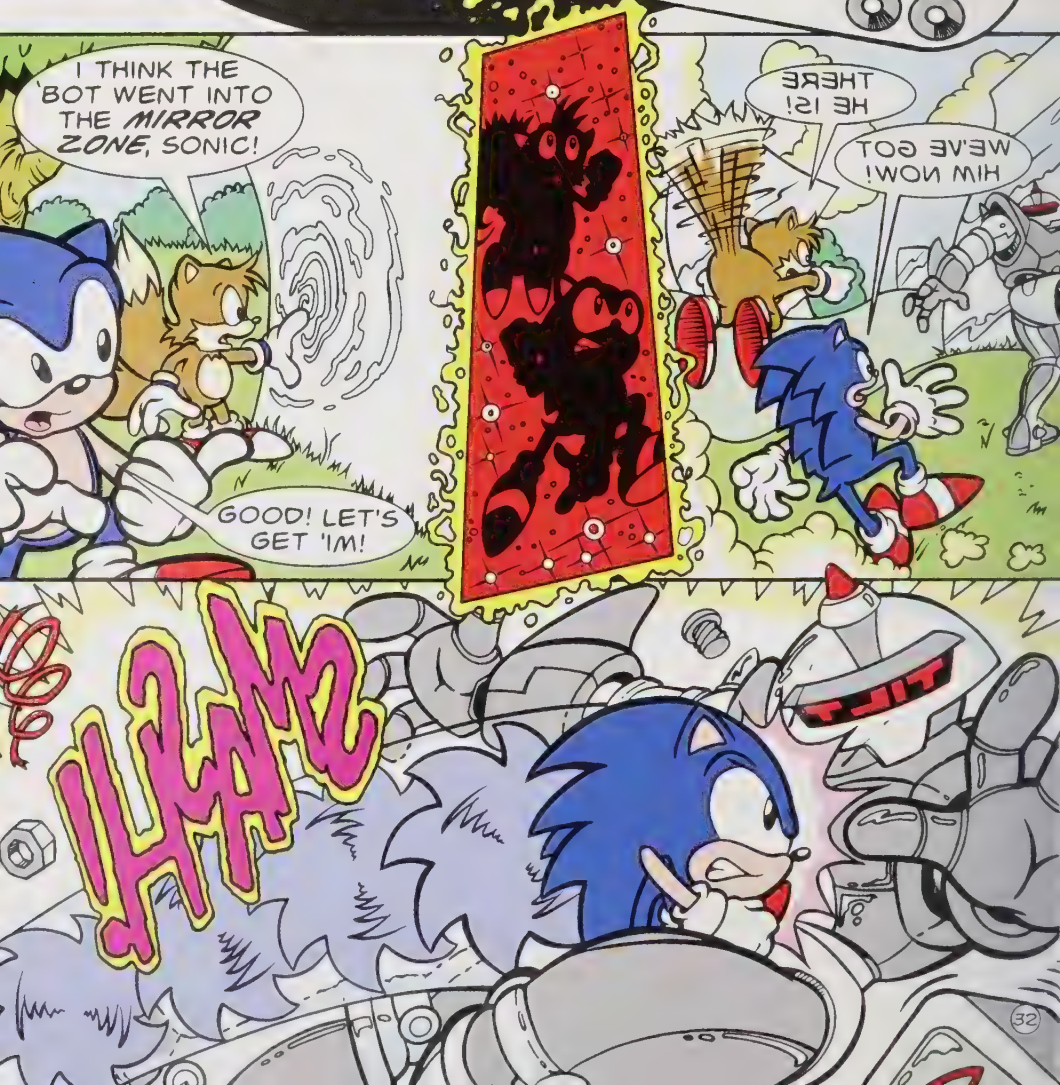


# SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

## THE MIRROR ZONE

HEY, SONIC FANS! SONIC AND TAILS ARE PURSUING A SWATBOT WHO IS DELIVERING A TOP-SECRET COMPUTER MESSAGE TO DR. ROBOTNIKI. ONCE OUR HEROES ENTER THE MIRROR ZONE, YOU CAN READ THEIR SCRAMBLED WORDS BY HOLDING THESE STORY PAGES UP TO A MIRROR!

HAVE FUN!







I'VE GOT  
THE MECHA-  
MESSAGE  
UNIT, SONIC!

AND I'VE  
GOT HIM,  
TAILS!

**KRAK!**  
**CRASH!**



HEY, SONIC,  
LET'S SEE WHAT  
THE SECRET  
MESSAGE SAYS!

NO TIME, TAILS!  
ROBOTNIK'S GONNA  
BE LOOKING FOR IT!  
WE'LL READ IT  
OUTSIDE!



I'VE HAD  
ENOUGH OF  
THIS PLACE!

HEY, KIDS YOU CAN  
FIGURE THIS SECRET  
MESSAGE OUT BY  
PUTTING IT UP TO YOUR  
MIRROR AGAIN!

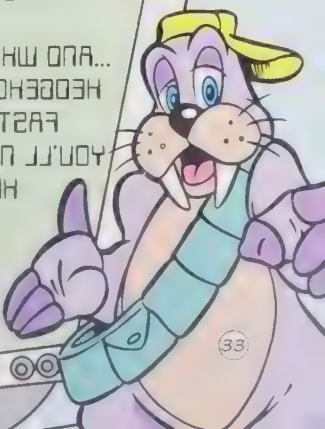


OH, NO! IT'S  
WRITTEN IN A  
SPECIAL CODE!

NOW WE'LL  
NEVER FIGURE  
IT OUT!

3HT NO A00AIM ,A00AIM  
T20M 3HT 2'0HW ,JJAW  
MEHT 70 T0AAYT JIUS  
!5JJA  
T238MU0 3HT 2'0HW 0NA...  
!5JJA MEHT 70 00K3003H  
,38 PAC T2A7 2A T2A7  
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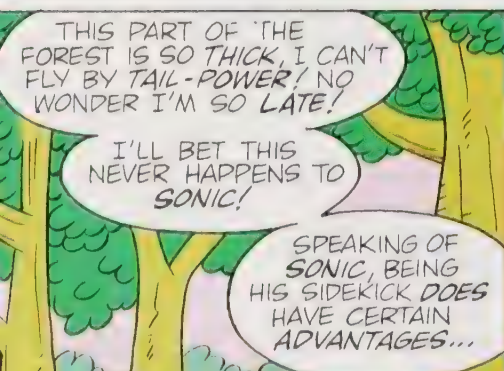
PRESENTING,  
IN HIS VERY FIRST  
SOLO STORY...

SONIC'S PAL  
**TAILS**

in: "TAILS' TALLEST TALE"



HEY, NICE  
LOGO!



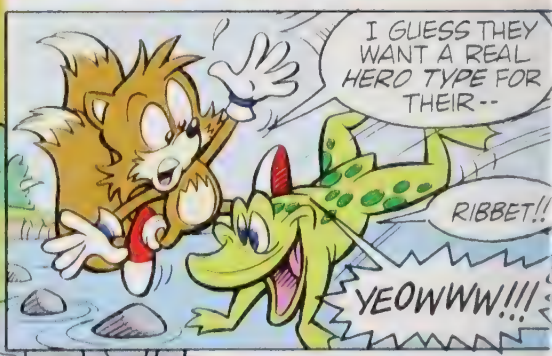
THIS PART OF 'THE  
FOREST IS SO THICK, I CAN'T  
FLY BY TAIL-POWER! NO  
WONDER I'M SO LATE!

I'LL BET THIS  
NEVER HAPPENS TO  
SONIC!

SPEAKING OF  
SONIC, BEING  
HIS SIDEKICK DOES  
HAVE CERTAIN  
ADVANTAGES...



... LIKE  
GETTING INVITED  
TO BE THE  
SPECIAL GUEST  
OF THE LOCAL  
SONIC FAN  
CLUB'S BIG  
CONVENTION!



I GUESS THEY  
WANT A REAL  
HERO TYPE FOR  
THEIR--

RIBBET!!

YEOWWW!!!



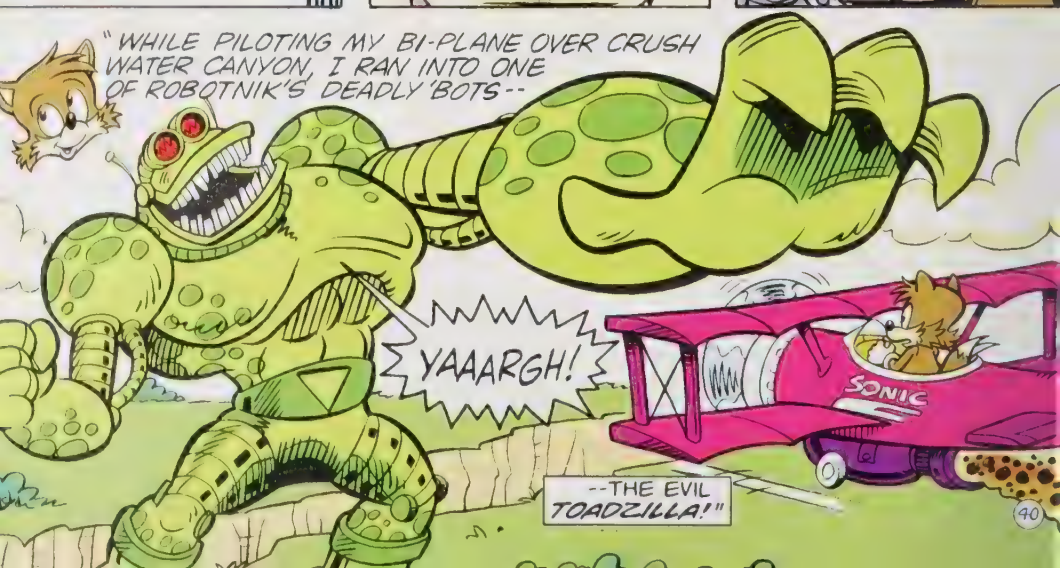
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**SPLOOSH!**



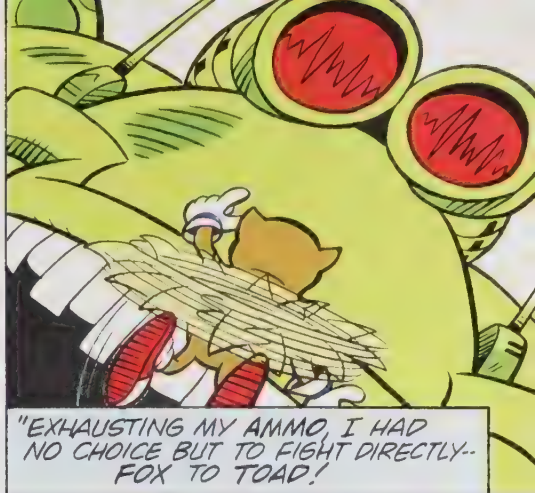
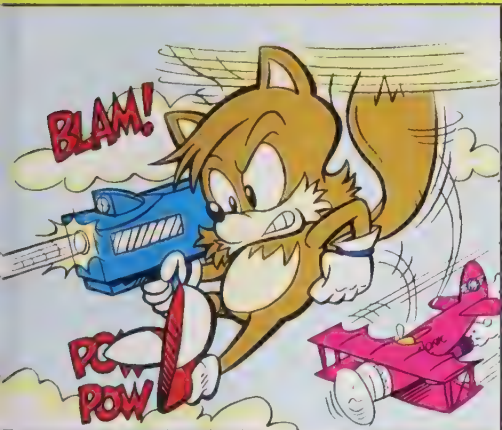








I LEAPT FROM MY PLANE IN A LAST MINUTE EFFORT TO DEMOLISH THE GIANT!

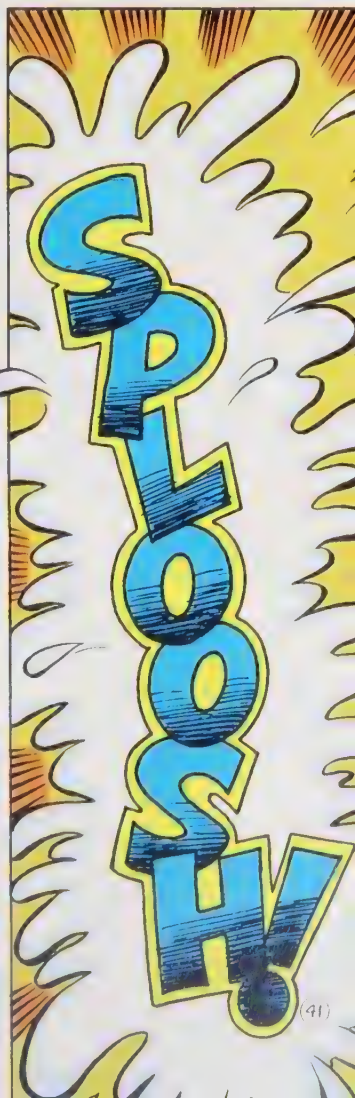


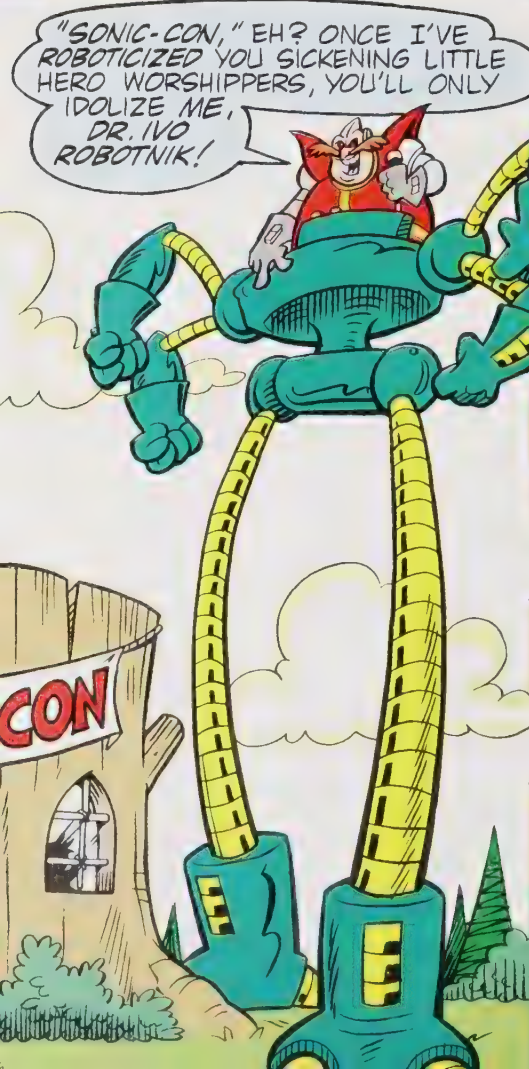
"EXHAUSTING MY AMMO, I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO FIGHT DIRECTLY-- FOX TO TOAD!"

"I DEALT A MIGHTY BLOW, AND JUST THEN, THE CLIFF COLLAPSED!"

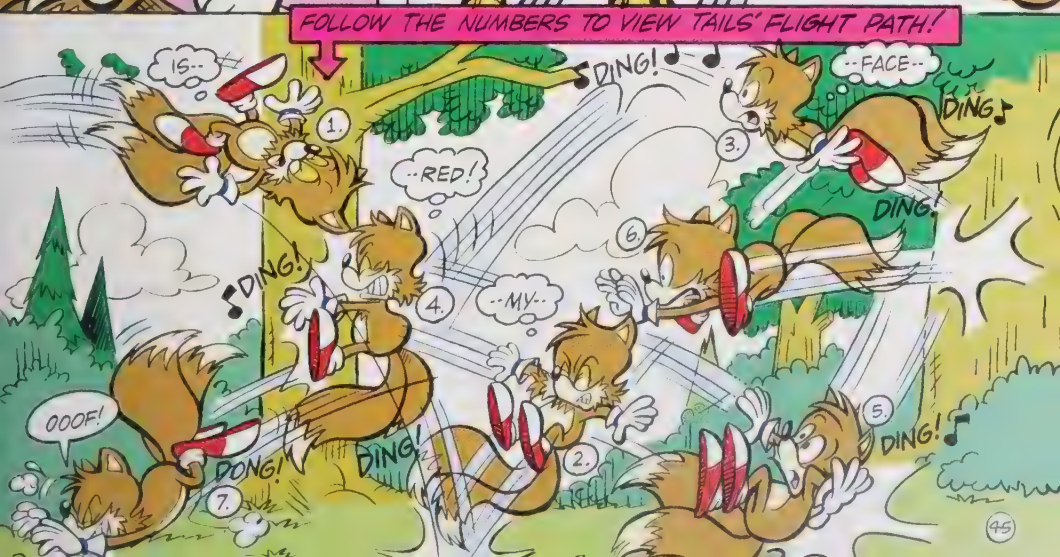
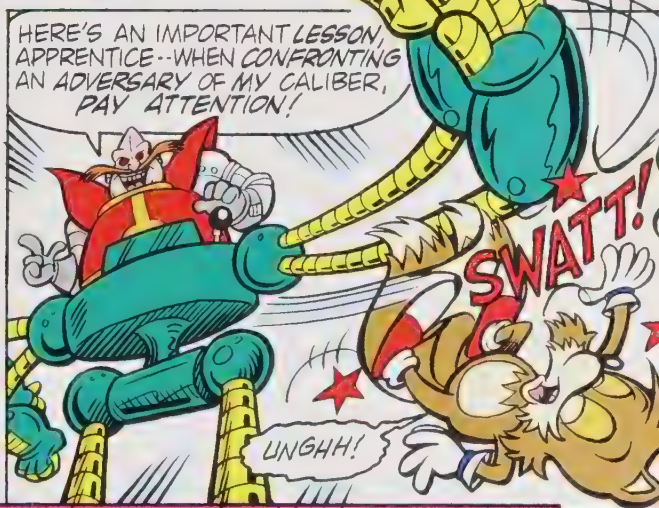


"--WE FELL INTO THE WATERS OF THE RIVER!"













TAILS! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? SPEAK TO US!

I KNOW ALL ABOUT YOU, DR. ROBOTNIK...

...POSEY..?



...AND I'M NOT SCARED OF YOU! NOW LEAVE US ALONE!

OH, YOU HAVE SPUNK, EH? DO YOU KNOW WHAT SPUNK IS?



--IT'S THE GOODEY POSSUM-COLORED STUFF THAT'S GOING TO BE STUCK TO THE BOTTOM OF MY GIANT ROBOT TOES! BWAHAHHA!

POSEY!!!



MAYBE I CAN'T BEAT ROBOTNIK WITH FORCE, BUT I CAN FINALLY PUT MY IMAGINATION TO GOOD USE!

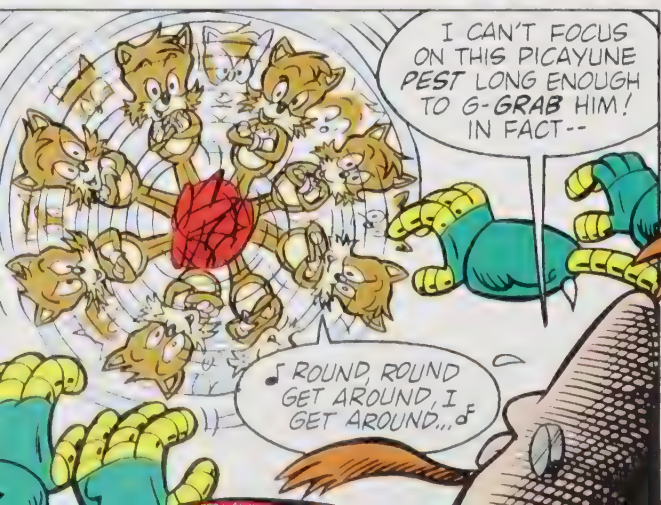
WOW!

VROOOM!



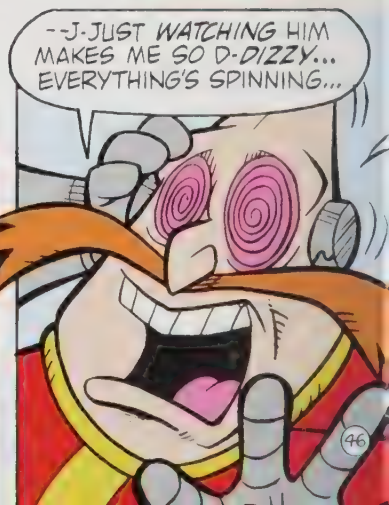
NOW, IF I CAN JUST HOLD BOTH OF MY TAILS STATIONARY, WHILE LETTING MY BODY ROTATE INSTEAD ...

SO, BACK FOR MORE PUNISHMENT, EH? WELL, I WON'T DISAPPOINT YOU!



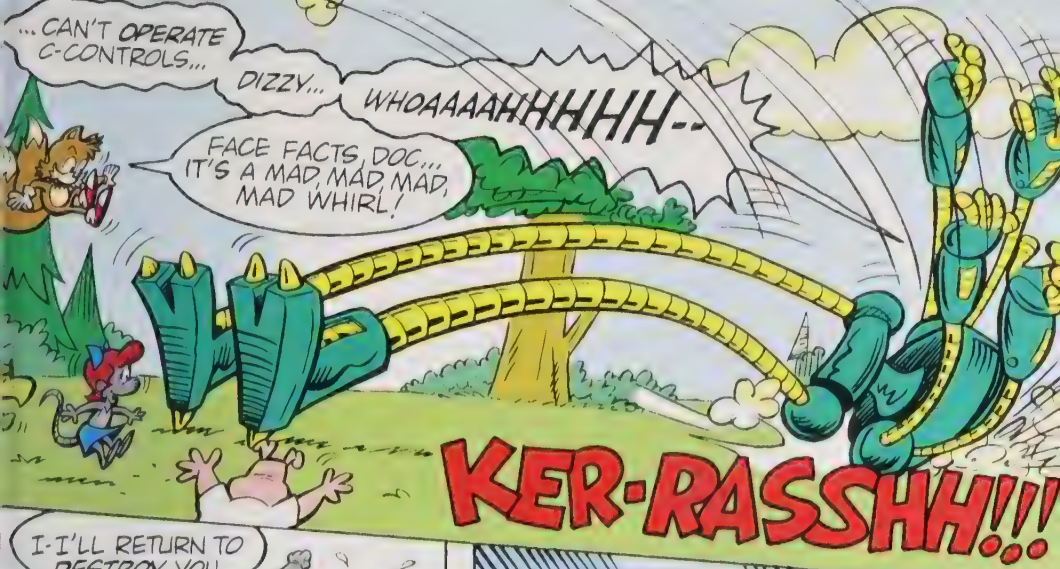
I CAN'T FOCUS ON THIS PICAYUNE PEST LONG ENOUGH TO G-GRAB HIM! IN FACT--

♪ ROUND ROUND GET AROUND, I GET AROUND...♪



--J-JUST WATCHING HIM MAKES ME SO D-DIZZY... EVERYTHING'S SPINNING...





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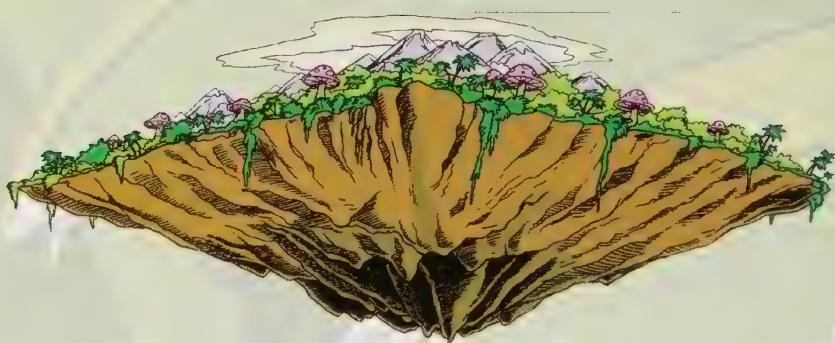
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**A** land once renowned for its great beauty, the planet **Mobius** is well on its way to becoming a scarred, lifeless battlefield, thanks to the relentless acts of scientific terrorism unleashed by the evil Techno-Tyrant, **Dr. Ivo Robotnik**.

In this once-serene plane, only one great natural wonder remains untouched by this utter devastation: the mysterious **Floating Island**. A mighty continent, the island is held aloft by the energy of a rare and powerful gem known as a **Chaos Emerald**. A world unto itself with its origins lost to antiquity, this sprawling multi-zoned land mass drifts lazily above the face of Mobius, existing in harmony, yet forever apart.

As enigmatic as the Floating Island is its guardian, **Knuckles The Echidna**. Last of an ancient, noble race, his charge is to preserve the peace, and protect the island's boundaries from the encroachment and harsh realities of the "outside world" -- a task handed down generation unto generation.

Recently host to a great battle between Dr. Robotnik and the spearhead of **Knockhole Village's** resistance, **Sonic The Hedgehog**, the Floating Island again stands alone as a safe haven from the war that rages unchecked, below.

But for how long?



PROLOGUE:

THE WESTERN COAST OF  
THE GREAT CONTINENT.

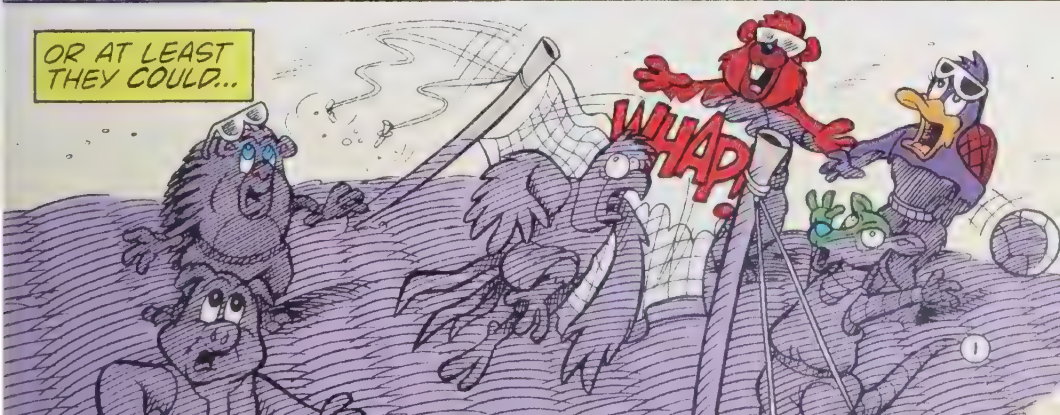
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THOUGH PRONE TO EARTH-  
QUAKES, MUDSLIDES, FIRES  
AND FLOODS...

...IT REMAINS ONE OF THE FEW  
REGIONS ON MOBIUS TO REMAIN  
UNSCARRED BY CONFLICT!

HERE, THE NATIVES CAN FROLIC  
AND ROMP WITHOUT CARE!

OR AT LEAST  
THEY COULD...



...UNTIL TODAY!

# SONIC & KNUCKLES™

IN

## PANIC IN THE SKY!

PART I







SOUND THE  
ALARM!

IT'S A  
CONTINENT!

A FLOATING  
CONTINENT!



...THE LAND MASS WAS SIGHTED SEVERAL HOURS AGO, AS IT CROSSED OVER INTO OUR AIR SPACE!

WITNESSES CLAIMED THE SKY WAS FALLING-- THOUGH FROM WHAT I CAN TELL...

...EXACTLY THE OPPOSITE IS TRUE!

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AMAZING!

ANY IDEA WHAT'S KEEPING IT ALOFT, ROTOR?

I COULDN'T TELL YOU, PRINCESS!

BUT I DO KNOW THIS...

ACCORDING TO MY READINGS...

...IT'S HEADED STRAIGHT FOR KNOTHOLE VILLAGE!

BEACH

ISLAND

TAP  
TAP

KNOTHOLE  
VILLAGE

HI, GANG!  
DID WE MISS ANYTHING?

HOLY--!

IT'S THE  
FLOATING  
ISLAND!

PLENTY!

AND YOU WOULDN'T HAVE IF YOU HAD THE COMMON COURTESY TO --





"FLOATING ISLAND"?  
MIND  
FILLING US IN,  
GENIUS?

WHAT DO  
YOU TWO KNOW  
THAT THE REST  
OF US DON'T?

PLENTY!



TAILS AND I  
FIRST CAME ACROSS  
THAT HUNK OF AIR-  
BORN ROCK A FEW  
MONTHS BACK!

WE  
CRASH-  
LANDED...



...AND RAN AFOWL OF KNUCKLES  
THE ECHIDNA-- GUARDIAN OF  
THE LOCAL CHAOS EMERALD!

THAT'S  
WHAT KEEPS  
THE ISLAND  
AFLOAT!



TO PUT IT MILDLY, HE  
TOOK AN IMMEDIATE  
AND PROFOUND DISLIKE  
TO US!

BUT--  
AFTER WE'D  
HASHED THINGS  
OUT A  
BIT...



...WE PARTED  
ON FRIENDLY  
TERMS!\*

SMACK!



HMMM...

WHOSE SIDE  
IS THIS GUY  
REALLY ON?

THAT'S--HARD  
TO SAY, SAL! FOR  
AN ECHIDNA...

...HE'S ONE  
STRANGE  
DUDE!

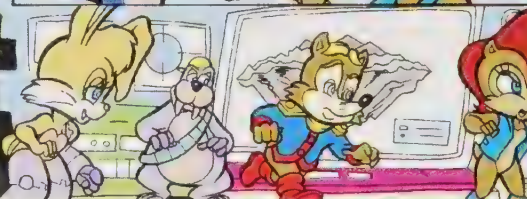
\*REFER TO THE NOW CLASSIC  
SONIC #13, "THIS ISLAND HEDGE-  
HOG," FOR THE FULL STORY-- Scott

FAR AS I  
COULD TELL, HE'S  
NEITHER FOR US  
OR AGAINST US...

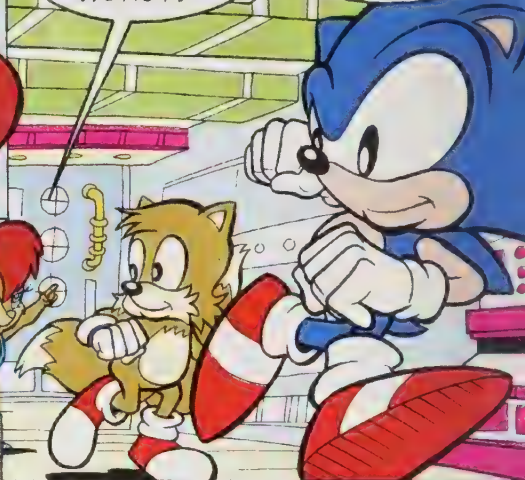
...WHICH MAKES  
SECOND-GUESSING  
HIM ALL BUT  
IMPOSSIBLE!

UNTIL HIS  
INTENTIONS ARE  
CLEAR, IT'S BEST  
TO ASSUME THE  
WORST!

ANTOINE! FLY  
SONIC AND TAILS  
OUT IN THE  
TURBO-PROP...



"...AND LET'S GET A CLOSER LOOK!"



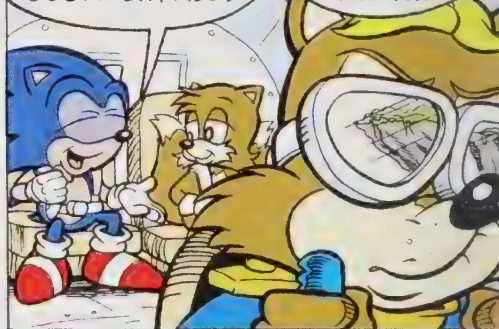
LOOK AT  
ZE SIZE  
OF ZAT  
THEENG!



TRÈS  
FANTASTIQUE!

RELAX, 'TWAN!  
YOU'VE SEEN ONE  
ISLAND, YOU'VE  
SEEN 'EM ALL!

FROM HERE,  
IT'S JUST ONE  
BIG BALL OF  
DIRT...



...AND WHERE'S  
THE DANGER IN  
THAT?

K'CHUNG!

WHRR

K'CHUKT!  
K'CHUKT!



NOT WAY  
COOL!

WE'RE  
UNDER  
ATTACK!

PHOOM!

PHOOM!

PHOOM!

ZUT  
ALORS!

I THOUGHT  
YOU SAID ZIS  
ISLAND WAS  
UNARMED!

IT WAS...

...UNTIL  
NOW!

SOMETHING  
NEW HAS BEEN  
ADDED!

HEAVY  
ARTILLERY...

...AND  
ENGINES!

TAKE US  
TOPSIDE 'TWAN!  
LET'S GET TO THE  
BOTTOM OF  
THIS!

ZE GUNS, IT SEEMS, CANNOT  
BE AIMED ABOVE ZE HORIZON!

I WAS  
COUNTING  
ON THAT!

GET  
YOURSELF  
AND THE TURBO-  
PROP BACK TO  
BASE...

...WE'RE  
GOIN'  
IN!

GERONIMO!

...BEING  
PIGGY-BACKED  
IS BAD FOR MY  
IMAGE!

NEED  
A LIFT,  
SONIC?

NO THANKS,  
PAL...

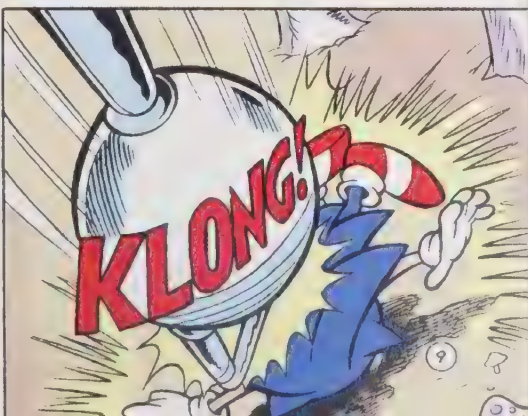
SO WHAT EXACTLY  
ARE WE LOOKING  
FOR, ANYWAY?

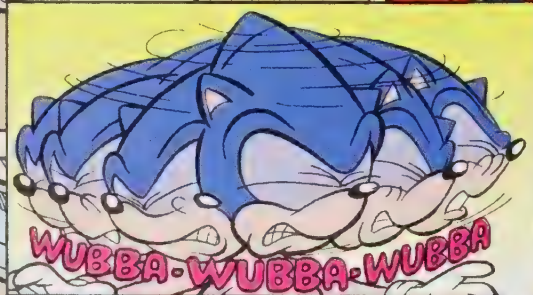
I'M  
NOT  
QUITE  
SURE  
TAILS!

WE'LL  
KNOW  
WHEN WE  
FIND IT...

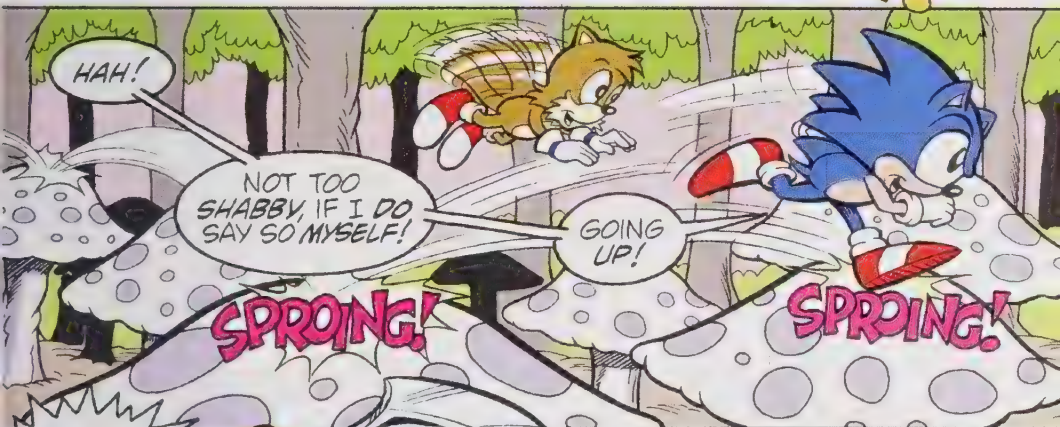
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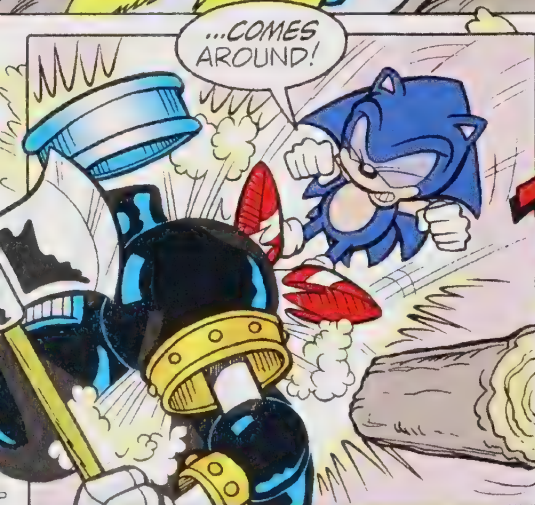






CAREFUL  
WHERE YOU SWING  
THAT THING, TIN  
MAN!

'CAUSE  
WHAT GOES  
AROUND...



...COMES  
AROUND!

WA-  
THOOM!



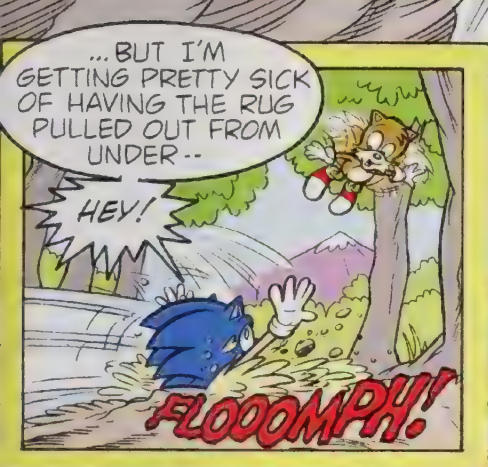
YOU SURE  
PUT HIM IN HIS  
PLACE!

YEAH..  
THE SCRAP  
HEAP!

HOPE THERE  
AREN'T ANY MORE  
WHERE THAT CAME  
FROM!

I  
DON'T KNOW  
ABOUT YOU,  
TAILS...

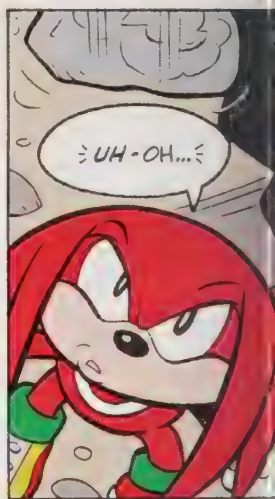




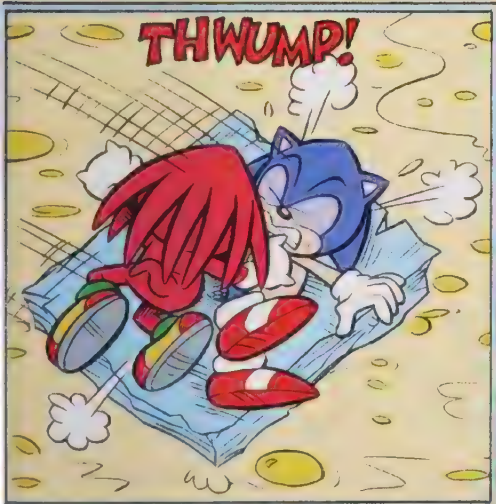
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## IN PANIC IN THE SKY!

PART II









UH--KNUCKLES? I THINK WE'RE BOTH GONNA NEED SOME HELP! THIS BLOCK... IS REALLY ROCKIN'!

RRRRRUUMMBBLLLLL

NOT TO WORRY, PEOPLE...

SHOOOOOM!

... 'CAUSE WE ARE OUTTA HERE!

THANKS, PAL! REMEMBER WHAT I SAID ABOUT BEING "PIGGY-BACKED"?

FORGET IT!

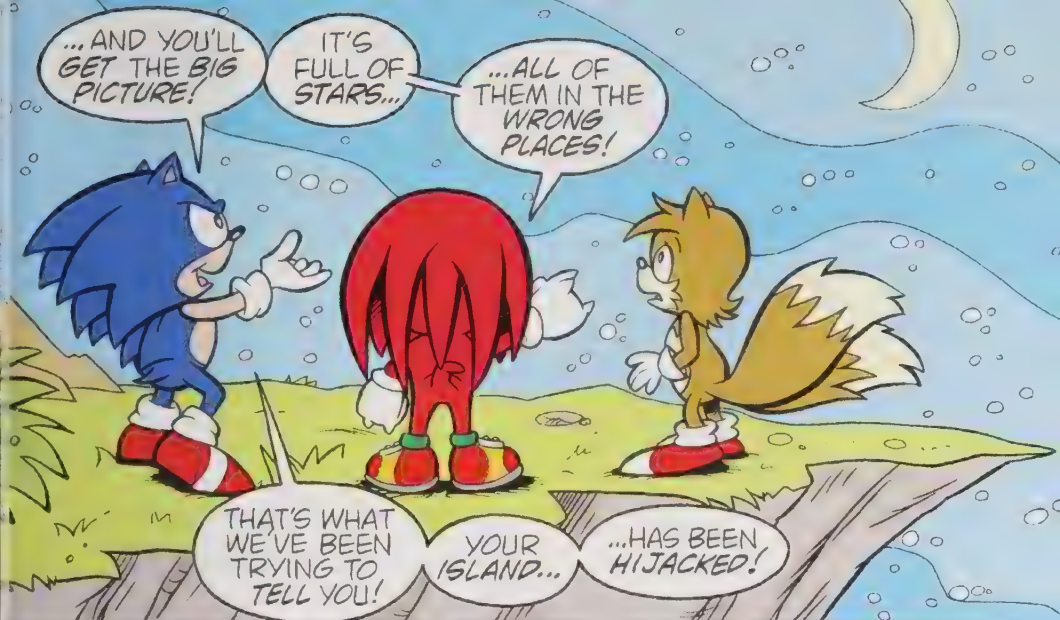
YEAH, THANKS, PAL! I'M PRETTY GOOD AT FLYING AND GLIDING-- BUT I DIDN'T KNOW IF I COULD GET ENOUGH ALTITUDE!

HOWEVER, I STILL HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO PROTECT MY HOME FROM INTRUDERS!

AGREED! BUT WE'RE NOT THE ENEMY!

LOOK! UP IN THE SKY...





THAT'S WHAT WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO TELL YOU!

YOUR ISLAND...

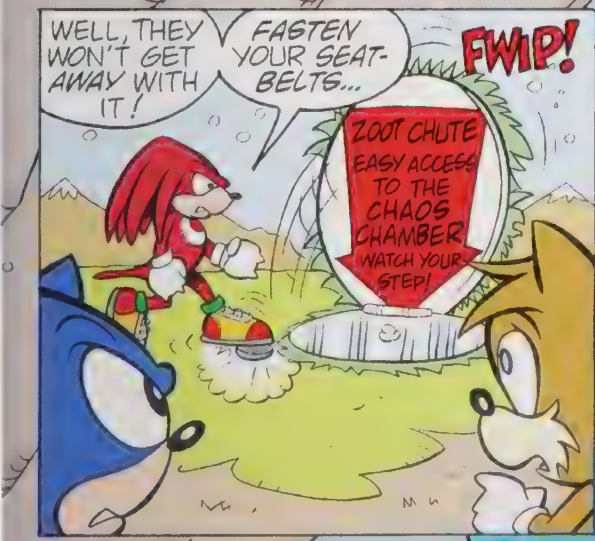
...HAS BEEN HIJACKED!



THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE!

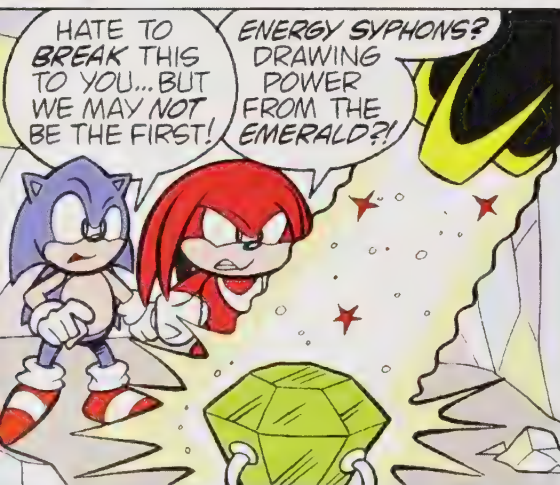


BUT WHO..?





THE CHAOS CHAMBER. A CRYSTAL CAVERN WHERE THE FORCES OF OUR CHAOS EMERALD ARE REDIRECTED AND AMPLIFIED TO KEEP THE ISLAND AFLOAT! YOU'RE THE FIRST OUTLANDERS TO SEE IT!







SPILL IT, 'BOT-BREATH!

WHY'D YOU TURN THIS ISLAND INTO AN AIR SPACE BATTLESHIP?

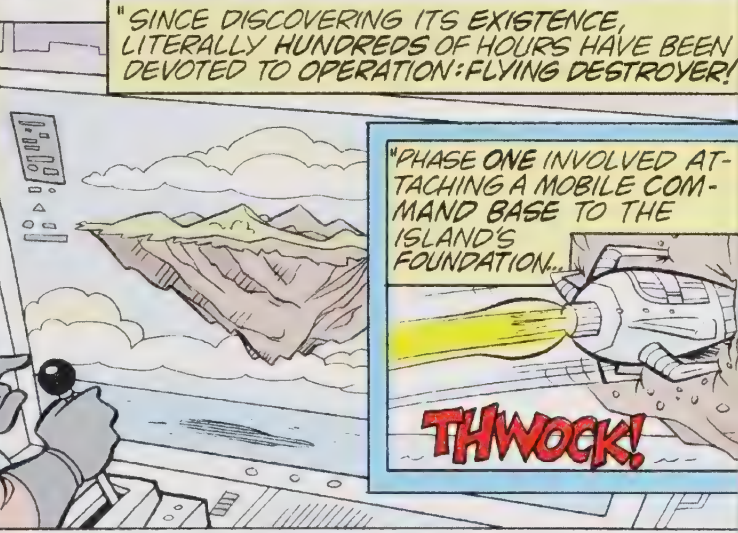


ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?

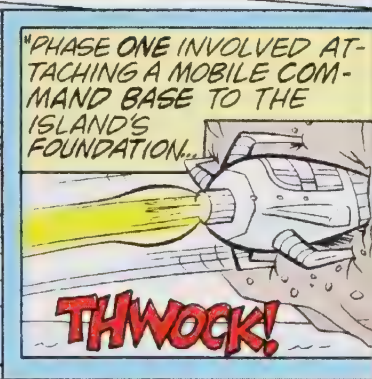
NO--OF COURSE NOT...



"...FOR ONLY I HAVE THE VISION TO RECOGNIZE THE FLOATING ISLAND'S VAST UNTAPPED STRATEGIC MILITARY POTENTIAL!"



"SINCE DISCOVERING ITS EXISTENCE, LITERALLY HUNDREDS OF HOURS HAVE BEEN DEVOTED TO OPERATION: FLYING DESTROYER!"



"PHASE ONE INVOLVED ATTACHING A MOBILE COMMAND BASE TO THE ISLAND'S FOUNDATION..."

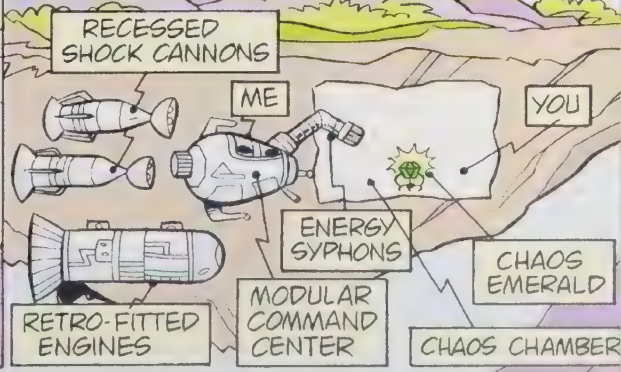
THWOCK!

"...AND UNLEASHING A SERIES OF PARADROIDS... COMPLEX, AUTOMATED MECHANISMS DESIGNED TO REFASHION ITS SHAPE FROM TROPICAL PARADISE..."



WHRRR  
KLAKETA-  
KLAKETA-  
KLAKETA-  
K-CHUNG!

"...TO ENGINE OF DESTRUCTION!"



RECESSED SHOCK CANNONS

ME

YOU

ENERGY SYPHONS

CHAOS EMERALD

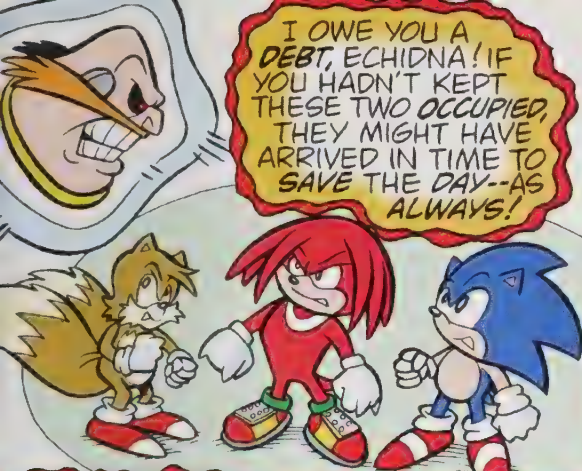
RETRO-FITTED ENGINES

MODULAR COMMAND CENTER

CHAOS CHAMBER





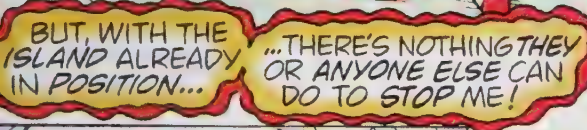


I OWE YOU A DEBT, ECHIDNA! IF YOU HADN'T KEPT THESE TWO OCCUPIED, THEY MIGHT HAVE ARRIVED IN TIME TO SAVE THE DAY--AS ALWAYS!



HE'S RIGHT! I MESSED UP! THIS IS ALL MY FAULT!

AS THE ISLAND'S GUARDIAN, I CAN'T ALLOW IT TO BE USED THIS WAY...



BUT, WITH THE ISLAND ALREADY IN POSITION...

...THERE'S NOTHING THEY OR ANYONE ELSE CAN DO TO STOP ME!



...REGARDLESS OF THE PERSONAL COST!



WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

EXACTLY WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE, CHUMP! WHEN IT COMES TO WAR MACHINES, YOU MAY MAKE 'EM...



..BUT I CAN BREAK 'EM!

SKA-RAAAASH!



N-N-N-NOW WHAT?

IT'S SIMPLE, SIMON!

WITHOUT THE CHAOS EMERALD TO KEEP US ALOFT...

RRRRRUUUU... BBLLLL

"...WE'RE  
HEADIN' FOR  
A FALL!"

MASTER-  
WE-ARE-  
FALLING!

BUCKET HEAD!  
I REALIZE  
THAT!

WE-WILL-  
BREAK-  
UP-IN--

NO!-- WE'RE  
BREAKING  
OFF!

KLIKT!

THE  
FOOL!

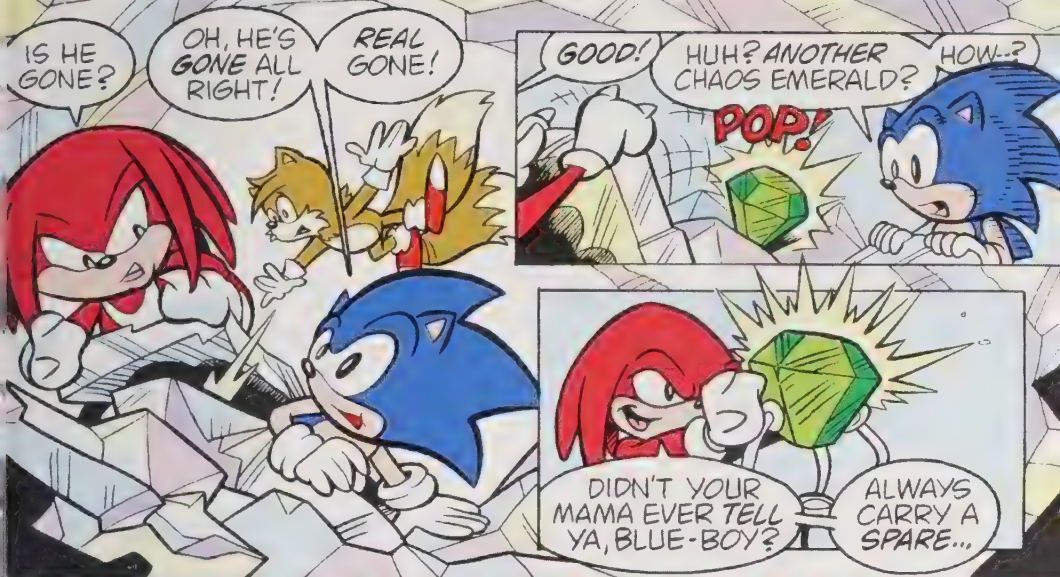
HE FORGOT THEY WERE  
EIGHT MILES HIGH!

NOW KNOTHOLE  
VILLAGE WILL BE  
DESTROYED...

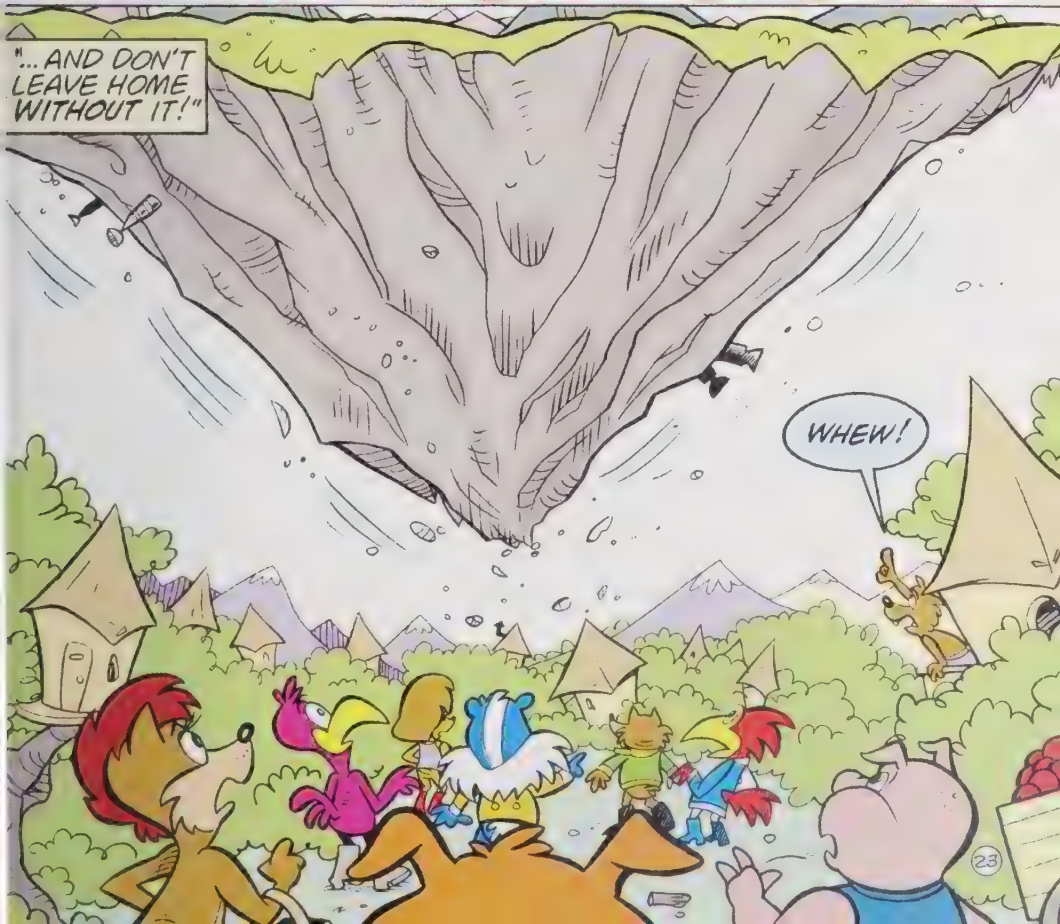
...WITHOUT ME  
HAVING TO FIRE  
A SINGLE SHOT!

HA HA HA HA  
HA



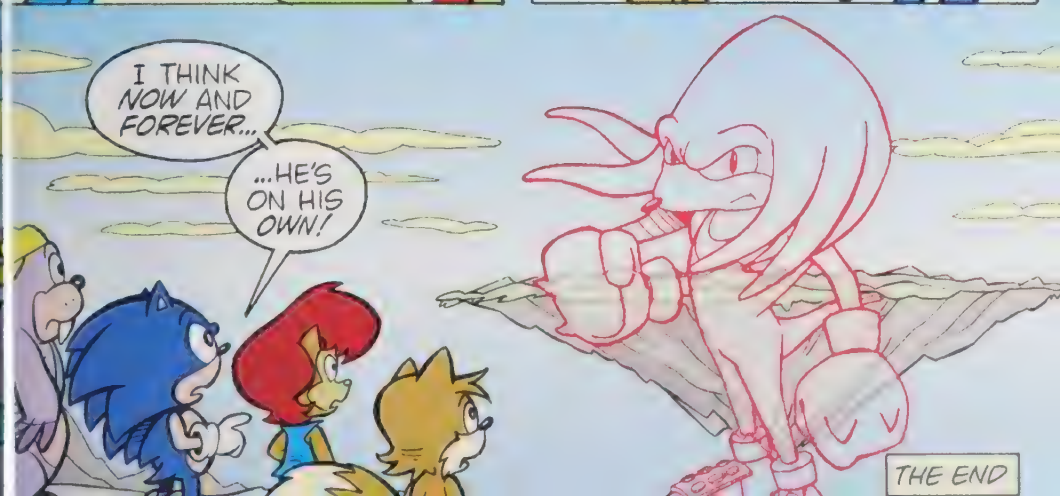


**SKA-REEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE**









THE END

# SONIC'S FRIENDLY NEMESIS **KNUCKLES**™

A QUIET DAY ON  
THE *FLOATING ISLAND*...

**KA-THOOOM!**

IN

# FIRE DRILL

WHAT WAS *THAT*?!  
SOME DUDE  
STARTING TROUBLE  
ON MY TURF?

SOUNDS LIKE IT  
CAME FROM  
THE BEACH!

I'D BETTER *WING*  
IT OVER THERE--  
*REAL FAST!*

WHA--?

NOBODY'S HERE!  
JUST A CRATER!





HUH?

WHERE'D  
HE GO?

NOBODY-- BUT *NOBODY*-- MAKES  
A FOOL OUT OF *KNUCKLES* THE  
ECHIDNA AND GETS AWAY WITH IT!

SOMEONE  
OR SOMETHING  
--WAS HERE!

THE *ONLY* PLACE  
THEY COULD GO  
WITHOUT ME  
SEEING HIM--

-- IS IN THE  
RUINS OF THE  
*SANDOPOLIS*  
ZONE!

BUT TO GET THERE FROM  
HERE MEANS I'M LOOKIN'  
FOR SOMEONE *FAST*!

SOMEONE  
*AWFUL*  
FAST!

C'MON OUT, *SONIC* THE  
HEDGEHOG, AND FIGHT ME  
ECHIDNA TO RODENT--

AND I  
*KNOW*  
JUST THE  
GUY!

WELL, IF YOU  
*WON'T* COME TO  
ME, I'M *COMIN'*  
IN AFTER YOU!

NO MORE  
MISTER *NICE*  
GUY-- YOU  
GOT THAT?!

YOU BEING  
SUCH A RAT  
AN' ALL!



AND I'M GOING  
TO MAKE YOU  
PAY FOR  
DRAGGIN' ME  
INTO THE  
DARK!

OOOO,  
HOW I  
HATE  
THE DARK!

SNAKT!

HUH?



THAT'S IT!  
THAT'S IT!!!

SO YOU  
WANNA PLAY  
HIDE N' SEEK,  
EH?

I GOT A  
BETTER  
GAME--

I CALL IT "A  
FISTFUL OF  
KNUCKLES"!

SO IF YOU  
KNOW  
WHAT'S  
GOOD FOR  
YOU--



--YOU'LL DO THIS EASY OR  
I'LL **REALLY** BRING THE  
HOUSE **DOWN** ON YOU!

YOU CAN'T  
**HIDE** FROM ME  
FOR LONG!

DON'T YOU  
KNOW--

--I'M THE **GUARDIAN**  
OF THIS ISLAND?!

YOU **CAN'T** MESS  
AROUND WHILE I'M  
ON WATCH!

**YE-OWW!**

WHERE'D THAT  
COME FROM?!

SOMETHIN'  
FUNNY'S GOIN'  
ON HERE!!

WELL,  
ISN'T **THIS**  
SPECIAL!

THE WALL  
REVEALS IT'S  
A **DOOR**!

THE  
PROBLEM  
**IS--**  
HOW COME  
I'M **NOT**  
LAUGHIN'?

**THUD!**

SINCE THERE'S  
**NO WAY ANYONE**  
COULD'VE GOTTEN  
**PAST ME--**



--IT LOOKS  
LIKE THIS IS MY  
**BEST** OPTION!

I JUST WISH  
**FATHER** HAD TAUGHT  
ME **MORE** ABOUT  
THIS PLACE!

THIS PLACE IS  
**FAR** OUT!

IT'S LIKE ENTERING  
ANOTHER WORLD!

FOR  
ONCE, I'M  
**STUMPED!**

NO ONE'S EVER  
GOTTEN THIS FAR  
BEFORE ON THE  
**FLOATING**  
**ISLAND!**

I MAY KNOW **MORE**  
ABOUT THE ISLAND  
THAN **ANYONE** ELSE--

--BUT I  
GUESS DAD  
**FORGOT** TO  
FILL ME IN ON  
THIS **SECRET**  
**PLACE!**

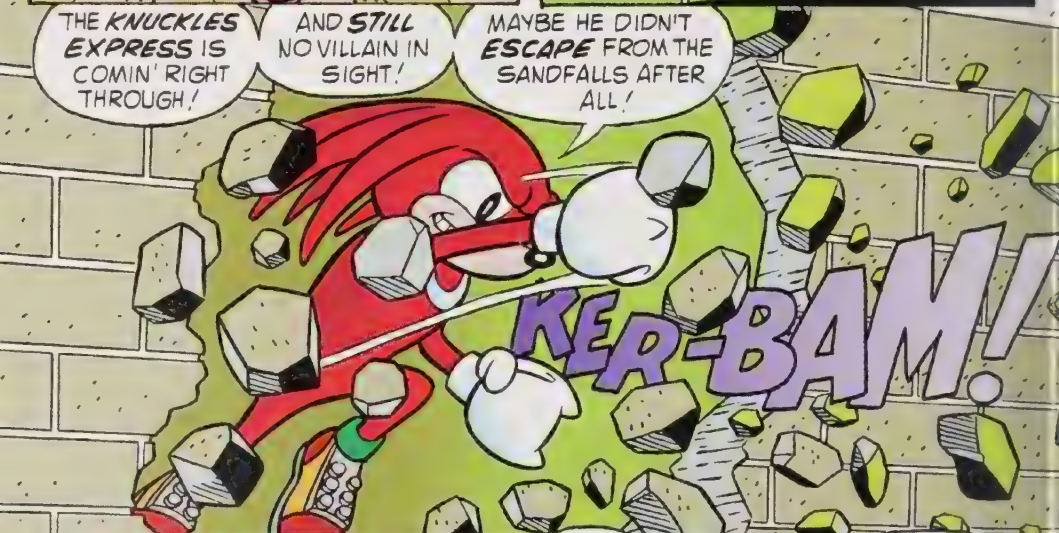
I BET I'M GOING  
WHERE NO **ECHIDNA**  
HAS GONE BEF--!

**WOOF!\***

**SANDFALL!**

**PTUI!!**

**BETTER** ACT FAST OR  
THIS KID IS GOING **DOWN**  
FOR THE **COUNT!**





I **STILL**  
THINK IT'S  
THAT CREEP  
**SONIC!**

I CAN'T THINK OF  
ANYONE **ELSE**  
THIS **FAST** OR  
**LUCKY!**

IT'S GOT TO  
BE SONIC  
MESSING  
AROUND!

THE TRAIL  
LEADS TO THE  
ISLAND'S **EDGE!**

-- EXCEPT  
FOR YOURS  
**TRULY!**

NOWHERE ELSE TO  
GO, BUT **DOWN!**

GOOD  
**RIDDANCE!**

JUST WAIT'LL  
**NEXT TIME,**  
MISTER  
HEDGEHOG--

-- I'LL BE THE  
**ONE WITH THE**  
**SURPRISES!**

NOT  
QUITE, MY  
BOY...

THIS WAS  
ONLY YOUR **FIRST**  
**LESSON** AND I CAN  
SEE ALREADY YOU  
HAVE A **LOT** TO  
LEARN!

**CLASS** IS  
NOW IN  
**SESSION...**

THIS ISN'T **THE END**, DEAR READER! BOTH YOU AND KNUCKLES  
HAVE PLENTY OF SURPRISES IN STORE AT THE HANDS OF OUR MYSTE-  
RIOUS FRIEND! FIND OUT MORE IN **UPCOMING ISSUES!**

SONIC'S FRIENDLY NEMESIS  
**KNUCKLES**

IN  
**LORD OF THE  
FLOATING ISLAND**



THE WINDS  
ARE REALLY  
HOWLING  
TODAY!

ALL OF A SUDDEN,  
I'M FLYING THE  
NOT-SO-FRIENDLY  
SKIES!



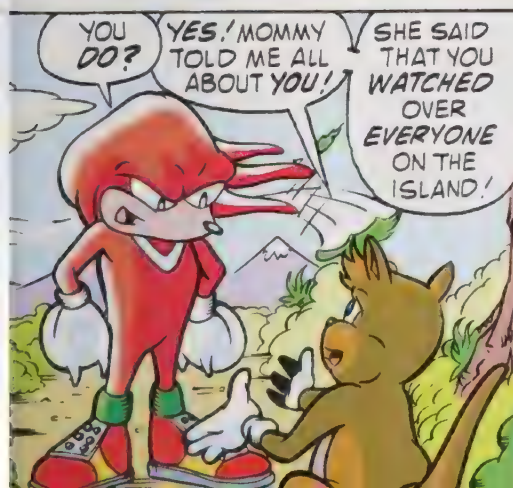
LOOKS LIKE  
THE WINDS  
AREN'T ALL  
THAT'S RILED!

THERE'S A BABY  
KANGA LOOKING  
FOR ITS MOM,  
I BET!



HOLD ON, KID!  
KNUCKLES IS COMING  
TO HELP OUT!







SEE? LOOK AT  
THE **SUN**! IT'S  
NOW **BLACK**!

NO, IT'S **NOT**!  
IT'S JUST AN  
**ILLUSION--**

--AT LEAST  
THAT'S WHAT  
MY **DAD**  
TOLD ME!



HE SAID, EVERY SO OFTEN,  
THE **MOON** ALIGNS ITSELF  
**BETWEEN** US AND  
THE **SUN**!



SINCE THE **ISLAND**  
**FLOATS** ALONG **AIR**  
**CURRENTS**, THE **WIND**  
RARELY BLOWS STRONGER  
THAN A **MILD BREEZE**!



BUT LATELY,  
THINGS HAVE BEEN  
**CHANGING**!

REALLY?

YEAH! IN  
FACT-- **HOLD**  
**IT!** THAT  
**SOUND!**

**THUD!**  
**THUD!**  
**THUD!**



LET'S GET TO **SAFETY**! IT'S A  
**THUNDERING** HERD OF **DINGOES**!





AREN'T THEY  
FRIENDLY?

USUALLY, BUT  
THE WEATHER'S  
UPSETTING THEM!



AND THERE  
THEY GO!

GO  
WHERE?

WHEREVER!  
BUT THEY  
CAN ONLY GO  
SO FAR ON  
THE FLOATING  
ISLAND!



DO YOU THINK  
MY MOMMA'S  
OKAY?

OH SURE! THERE *HASN'T*  
BEEN ANYTHING TO WORRY  
ABOUT ON THE FLOATING  
ISLAND FOR A  
LONG TIME!

IT'S A  
*PARADISE*  
THAT WE CALL  
*HOME!*

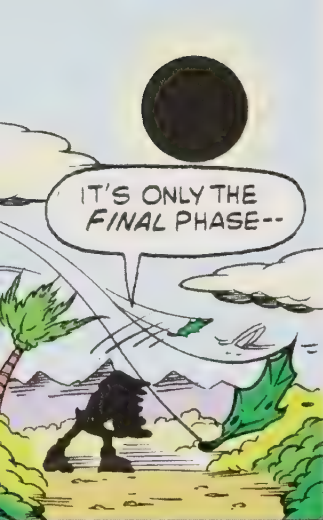


HOWEVER, WE SEEM TO  
KEEP GETTING  
VISITORS  
WHO'D LIKE TO  
CHANGE THAT!



THE WIND'S  
STRONGER!  
I'M SCARED!

HANG ON  
TO ME!





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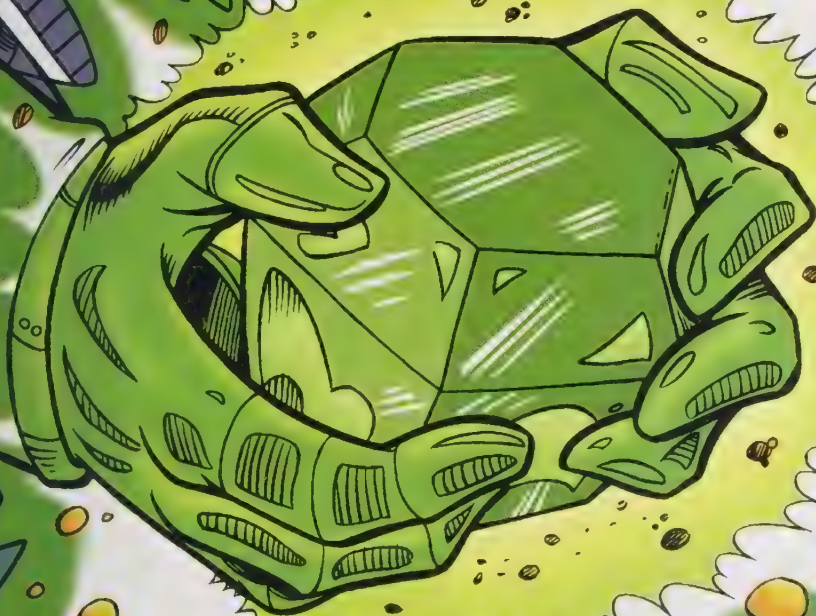
# TRIPLE TROUBLE!!!

PART I

"BEHOLD... A

**CHAOS  
EMERALD!**

"THIS IS THE MOST  
POTENT FORM OF  
PURE ENERGY IN  
ALL THE UNIVERSE!"



"BUT MOST  
IMPORTANT  
OF ALL...  
IT'S *MINE!*"

YES, THIS  
EMERALD BELONGS  
TO IVO ROBOTNIK!

WITH IT,  
I SHALL RULE  
PLANET  
MOBIUS!

OBSERVE, CRABMEAT... I PLACE  
THE MYSTIC GEMSTONE ATOP MY  
THREE-PRONGED POWER INDUCER...

ULP!

IT WILL DRIVE MY  
LARGEST AND MOST  
INEFFICIENT MEGA-  
ENGINE, POLLUTING  
THE GLOBE IN DAYS!

B-BUT, YOUR  
ROTUNDITY... I SET  
THE CONTROLS FOR  
A SIX-PRONGED  
INDUCER!

gasp! D-D-DIH-DID  
YOU SAY "SIX"?

Y-Y-YUH-YES!

**RUN!**

**WARNING  
WARNING**

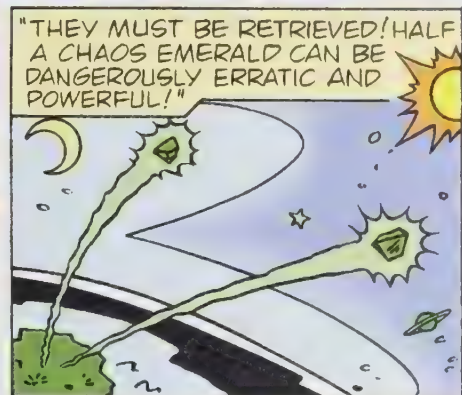
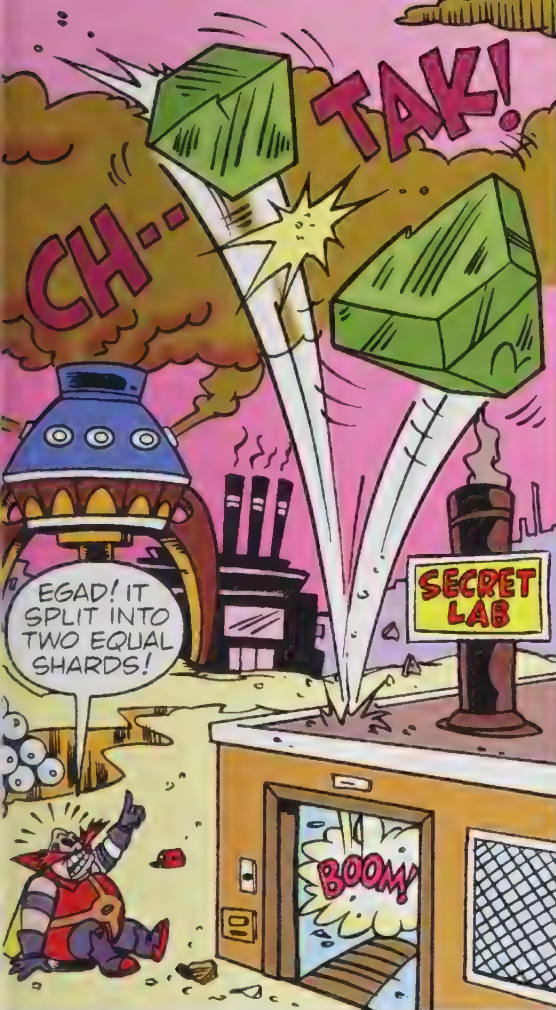
THE IMBALANCE WILL  
CAUSE AN EXPLOSION!

DROP..

**HMMMMMMMMMMMM**

**KRONSK!**





**SONIC**  
THE HEDGEHOG!

I KNEW I'D FIND YOU  
IN THE KNOTHOLE KITCHEN!

YOU KNOW IT,  
TAILS! WANT A  
CHILI DOG?

NO... I WANT YOU TO FOLLOW ME  
TO THE CONTROL ROOM... ROTOR'S  
ON TO SOMETHING!

SURE, BIG GUY!

I THOUGHT ROTOR  
WAS WORKING ON THAT  
CUSTOMIZED SUBMARINE  
FOR YOU?..

← KITCHEN

... ZOOM

HE WAS--UNTIL THIS THING  
SHOWED UP ON THE GRID SCREEN!

LOOK!

THE POWER  
READINGS ARE OFF  
THE SCALE!

ONLY ONE THING CAN  
GENERATE THAT KIND OF  
ENERGY SIGNATURE--

--A CHAOS  
EMERALD!



YES, BUT THE PATTERNS  
ARE ERRATIC... I THINK  
I CAN GET A VISUAL...

IT'S COMING  
IN LIKE A  
METEORITE...

WOW!

"IT'S LANDED IN THE GREAT FOREST!"

**TUNK!**

WAY PAST COOL!

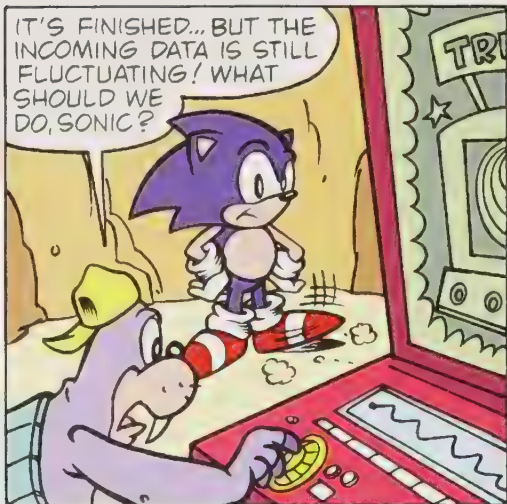
I NEVER THOUGHT  
I'D LIVE TO SEE  
SUCH A THING!

IT'S <sup>shudder</sup>  
BREATHTAKING!

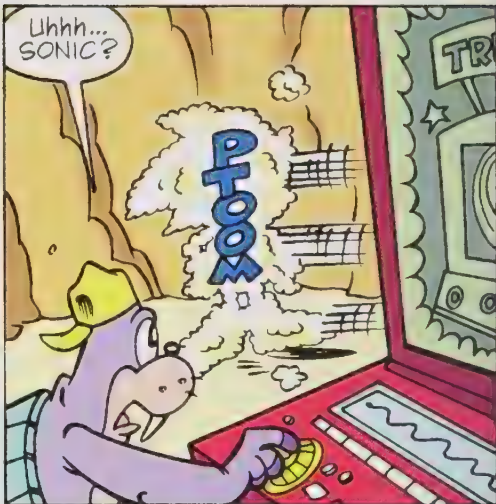
"THROUGH THE  
MAGIC OF THE  
CHAOS EMERALD,  
WE'RE WITNESSING  
THE CREATION OF  
A NEW ZONE!"\*

\* THE SAME TYPE OF  
"ACTION ZONES" FOUND  
IN ALL SONIC GAMES-Editor

IT'S FINISHED... BUT THE  
INCOMING DATA IS STILL  
FLUCTUATING! WHAT  
SHOULD WE  
DO, SONIC?



Uhhh...  
SONIC?

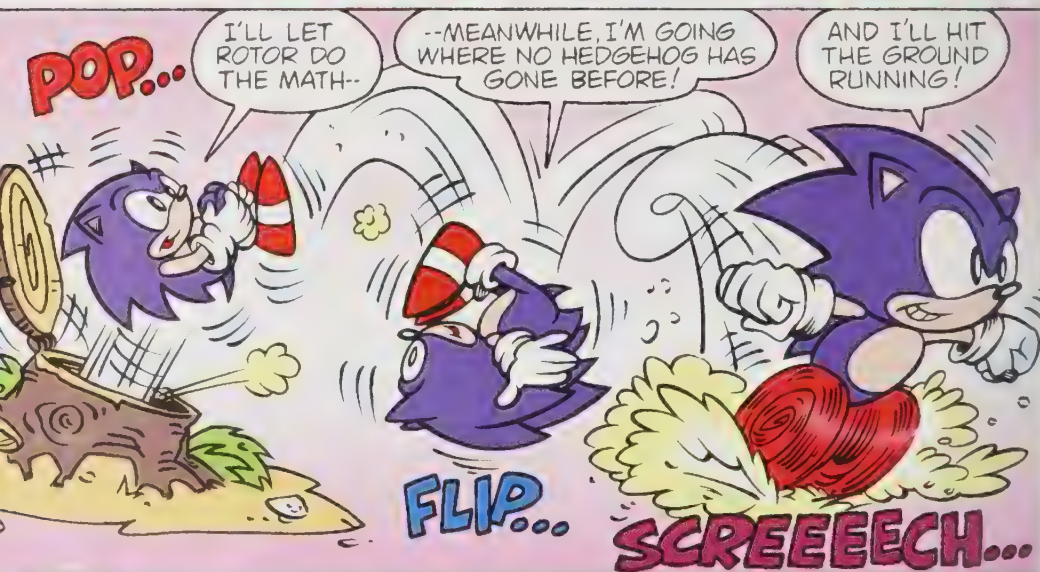


**POP...**

I'LL LET  
ROTOR DO  
THE MATH...

--MEANWHILE, I'M GOING  
WHERE NO HEDGEHOG HAS  
GONE BEFORE!

AND I'LL HIT  
THE GROUND  
RUNNING!



GO AHEAD AND RUN,  
LITTLE BOY BLUE...

I'LL ðkoffð BE  
RIGHT ðwheezeð  
BEHIND YOU!...

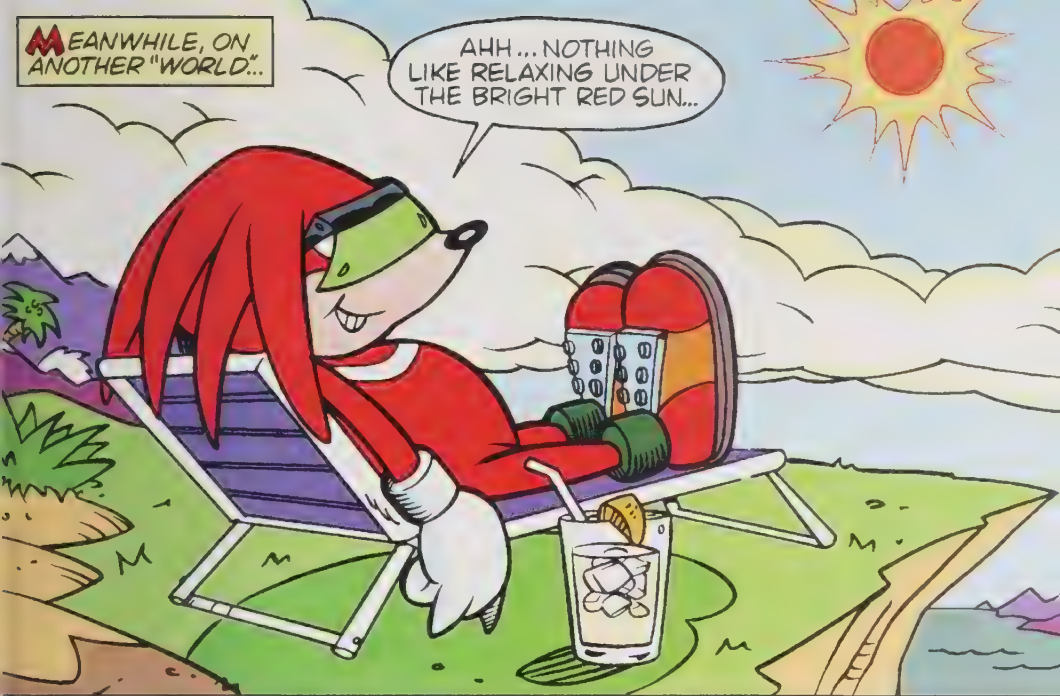
EVEN IF ðhachooð IT  
MEANS CHASING  
YOU TO ANOTHER  
WORLD!





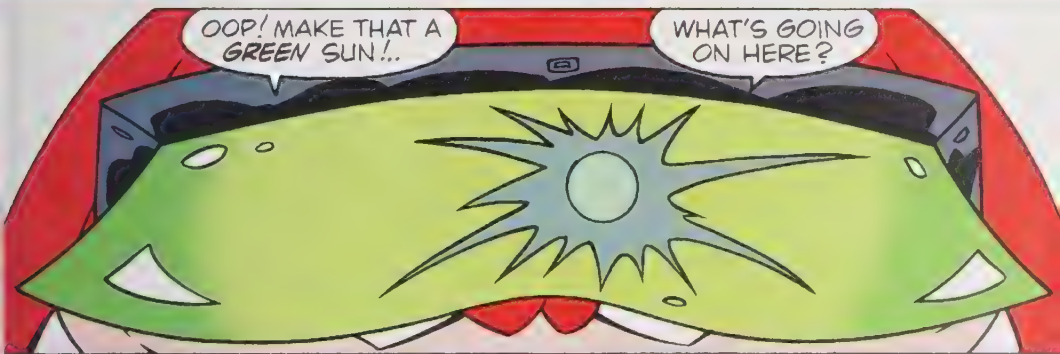
MEANWHILE, ON  
ANOTHER "WORLD..."

AHH... NOTHING  
LIKE RELAXING UNDER  
THE BRIGHT RED SUN...



OOP! MAKE THAT A  
GREEN SUN!..

WHAT'S GOING  
ON HERE?

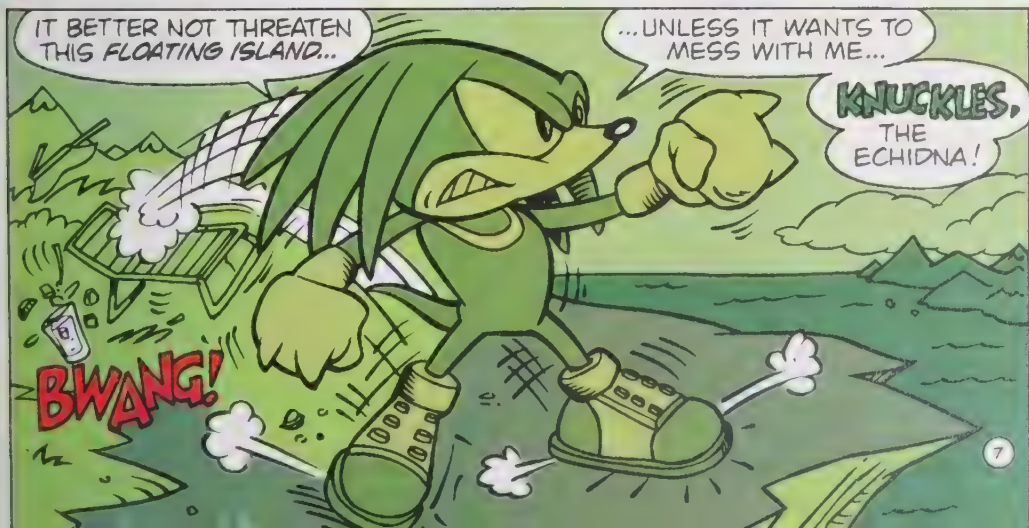


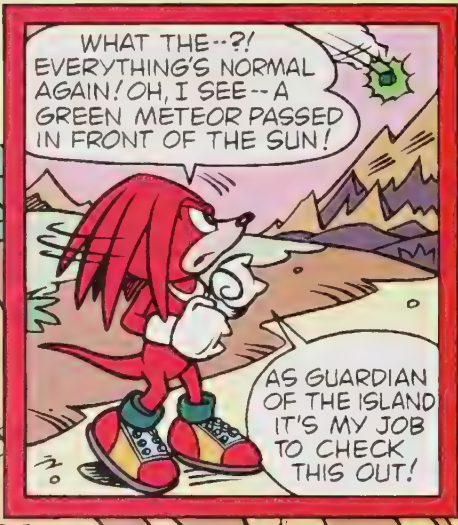
IT BETTER NOT THREATEN  
THIS FLOATING ISLAND...

...UNLESS IT WANTS TO  
MESS WITH ME...

**KNUCKLES,**  
THE  
ECHIDNA!

**BWANG!**






WHAT THE--?!  
EVERYTHING'S NORMAL  
AGAIN! OH, I SEE-- A  
GREEN METEOR PASSED  
IN FRONT OF THE SUN!

THE METEOR'S  
GOING TO LAND  
IN THE **DRAGON  
SPINE MOUNTAIN  
RANGE!**

AS GUARDIAN  
OF THE ISLAND  
IT'S MY JOB  
TO CHECK  
THIS OUT!



IT SMASHED INTO  
THE FACE OF MT.  
OSOHA! NOBODY  
HAS EVER BEEN  
ABLE TO CLIMB IT!

**KTOOM!**

BUT I'M NOT NO ONE  
AND I'M NOT CLIMBING...

**VA-  
VA-VROOOM**

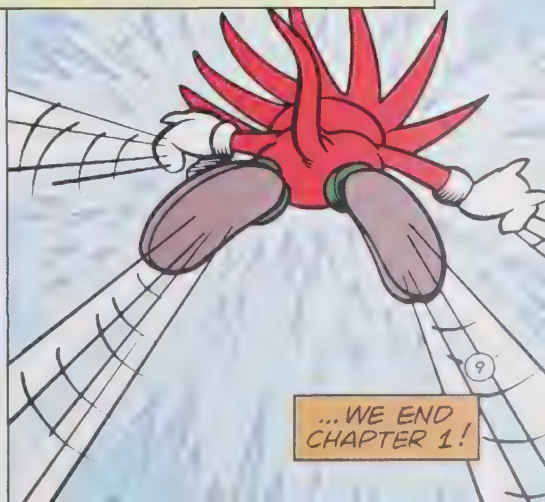
BY WORKING UP A HEAD OF  
STEAM, MY DREADLOCKS FAN  
OUT AND I CAN **GLIDE** OVER  
THE RAZOR SHARP FOOTHILLS  
TO INVESTIGATE THIS MYSTERY!

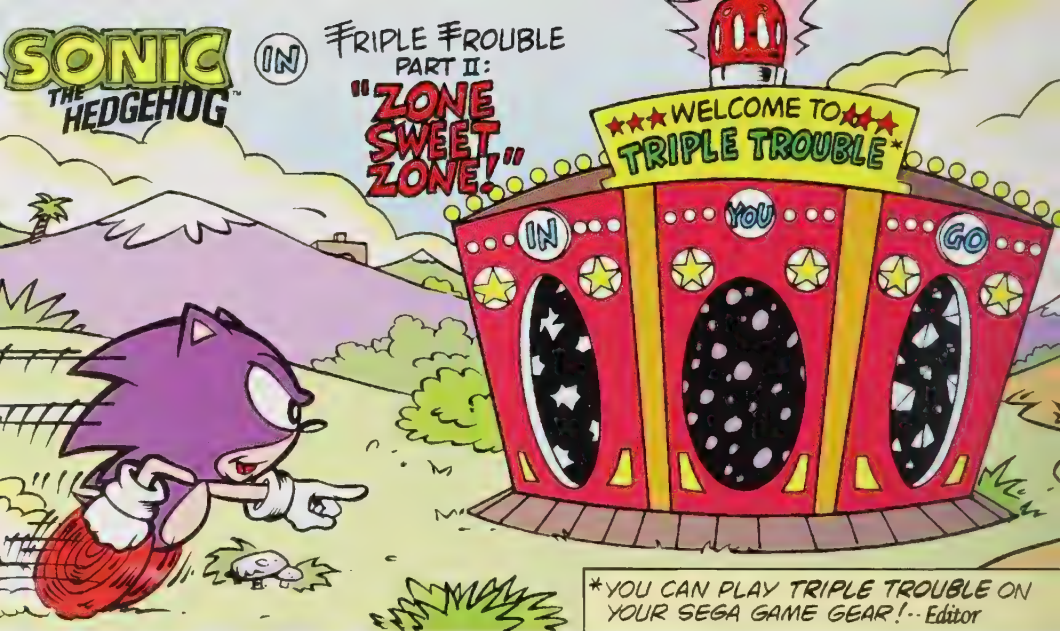
**WHOOSH!**



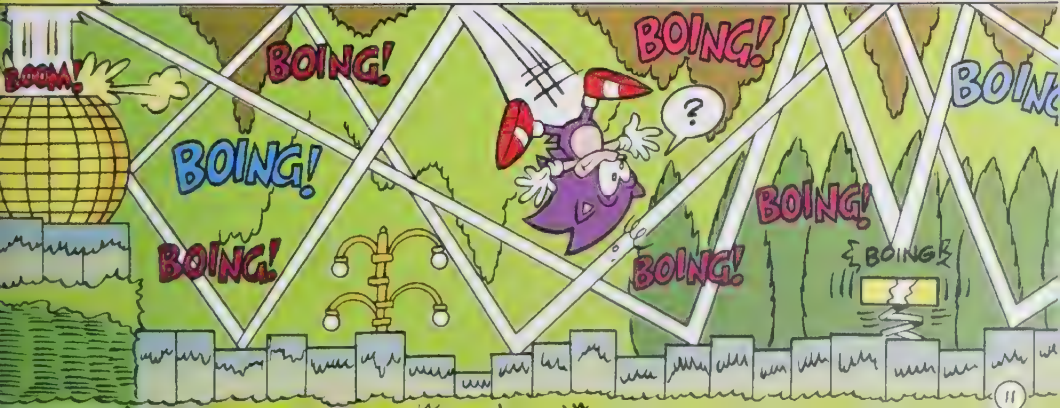
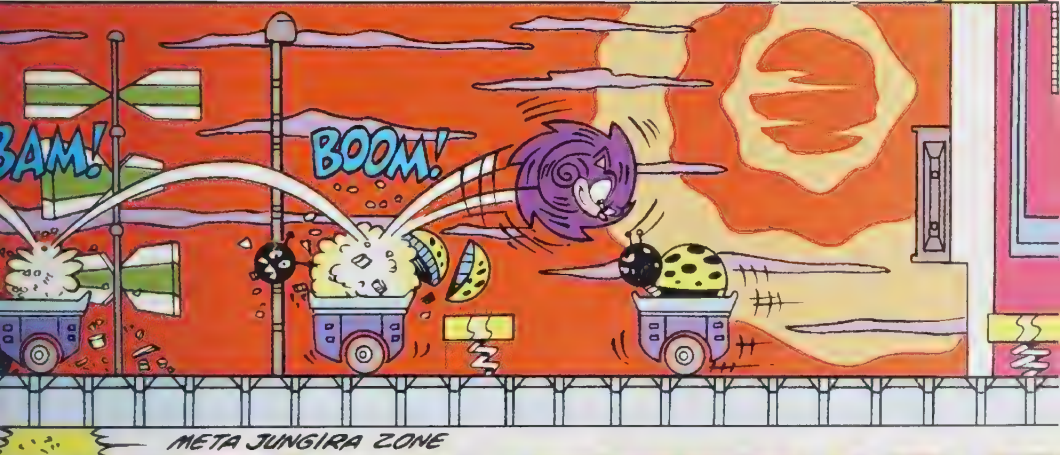
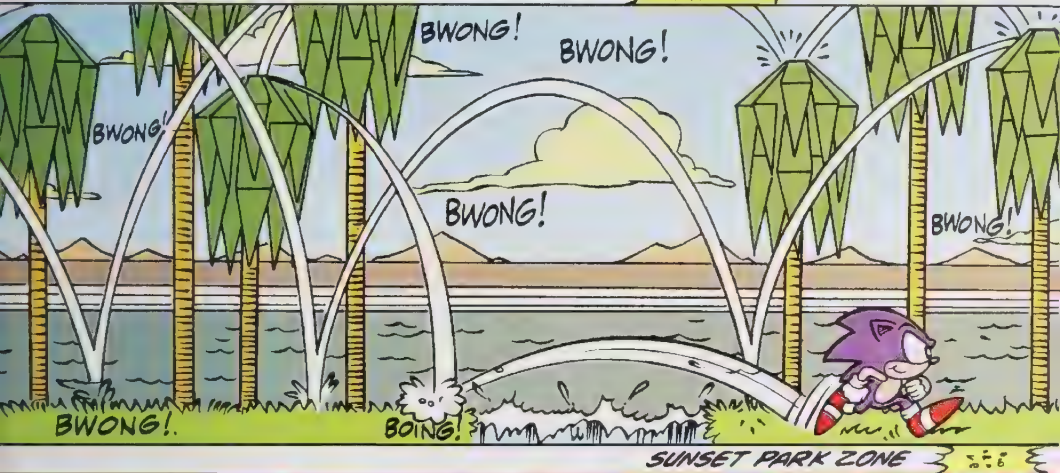
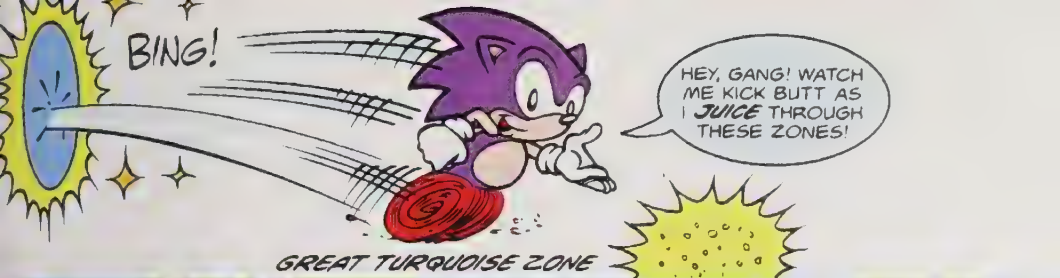


AS AN UNCONSCIOUS KNUCKLES PLUMMETS TO A CERTAIN DOOM...

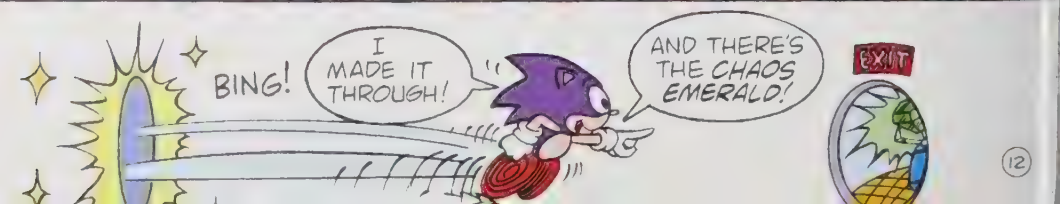
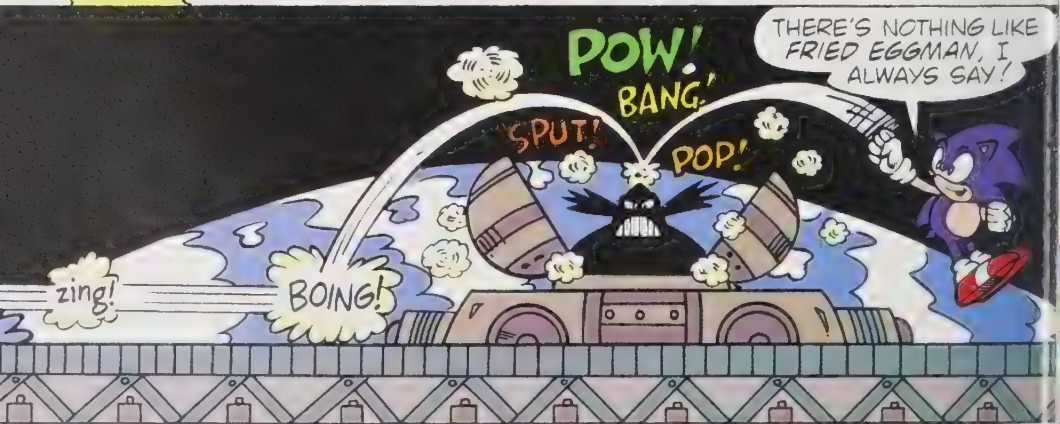
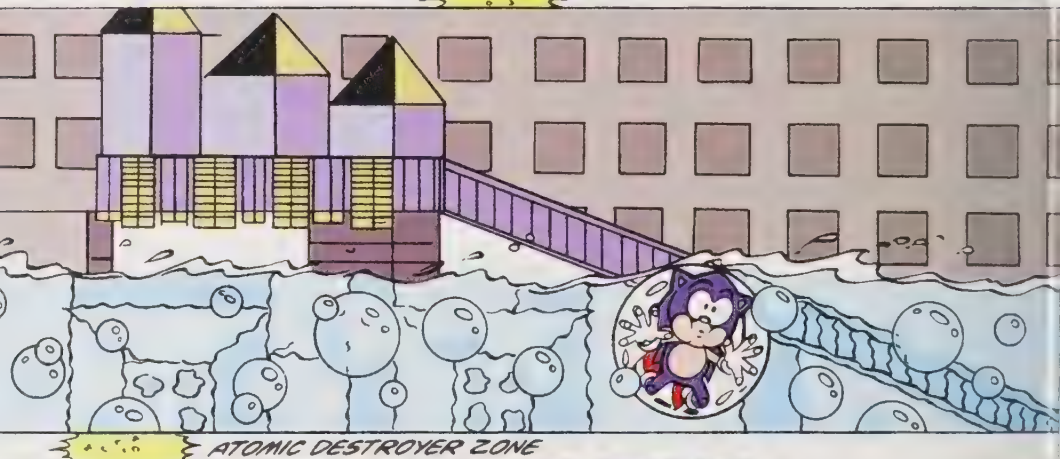
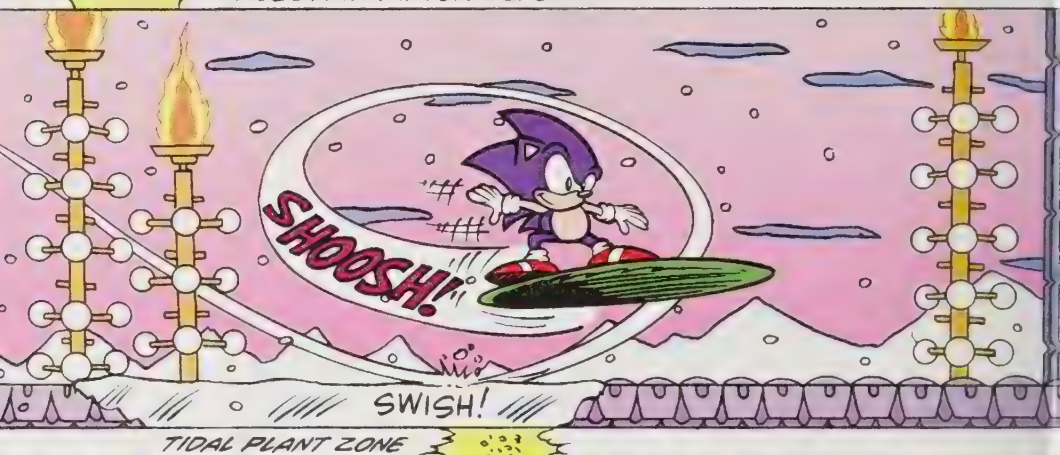




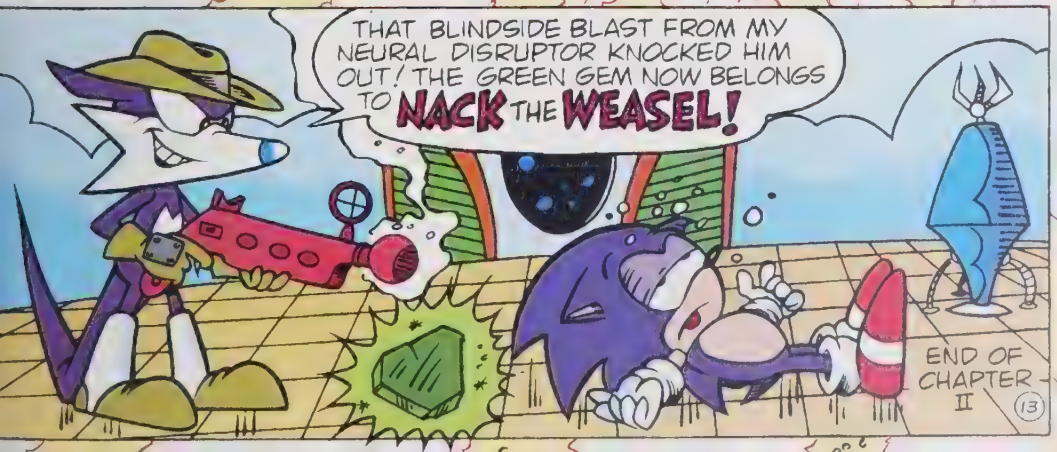
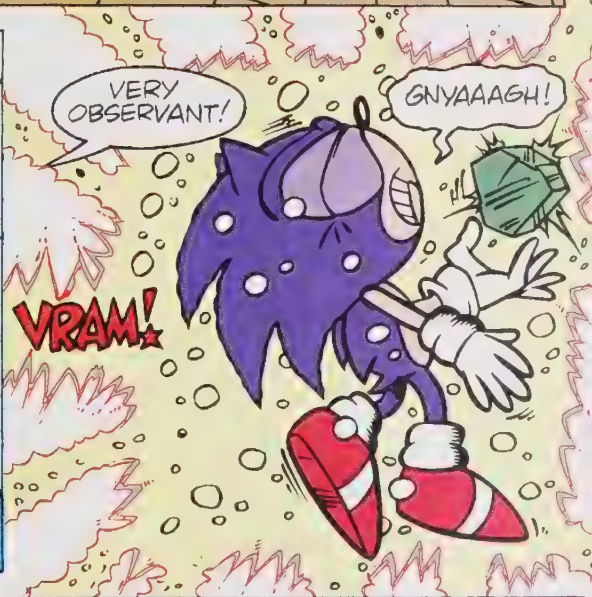




ROBOTNIK WINTER ZONE







IS DOWN  
FOR THE COUNT!  
I'VE GOT HALF  
THE EMERALD!

EXCELLENT,  
NACK!

BRING HIM ALONG WHEN  
YOU GET THE OTHER HALF!

SURE, TUBBY..  
FOR DOUBLE  
THE PRICE!

WOT?!

YOUR REPUTATION AS  
THE MOST COLD-HEARTED  
BOUNTY HUNTER ON MOBIUS  
IS WELL-EARNED!  
sputter VERY WELL!

sizzle

IT'S A DEAL!

MY SKY-SLED'S COMPUTER  
IS TRACKING THE OTHER HALF  
OF THE JEWEL!

WELL, WHATTAYA  
KNOW... IT MUST BE  
LOCATED ON THE  
FLOATING ISLAND!



...THE FUH-FLOATING ISLAND... MUH-MUST PROTECT... OH, MY HEAD! WUH-WHERE AM I?

AWESOME! I RECOGNIZE YOU FROM THE BOOK OF MYTHS...  
THE **ANCIENT WALKERS!**

B-BUT YOU CAN'T BE REAL...  
UNLESS I'M...?UIP? C'MON...  
WHAT GIVES? ANSWER ME!

HEY-WHAT'RE YOU DOING WITH THAT POINTED STICK?

Nooooooooooooo!

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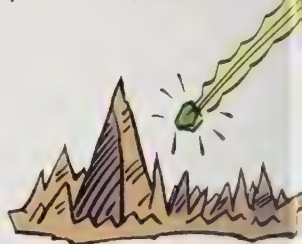
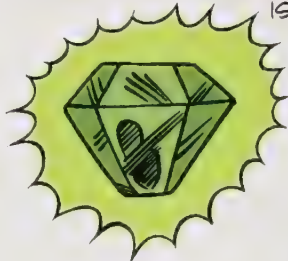
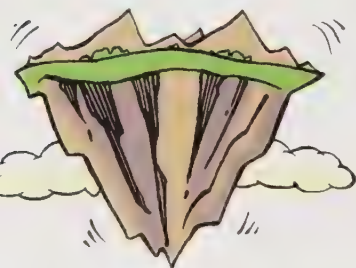
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"I'LL INTERPRET AS YOU DRAW... AHA! THAT'S THE FLOATING ISLAND, RIGHT?..

"AND THERE'S THE CHAOS EMERALD THAT POWERS THE ISLAND!

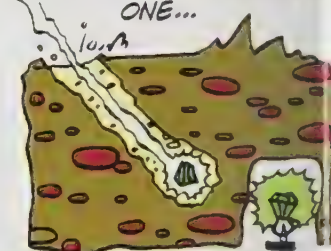
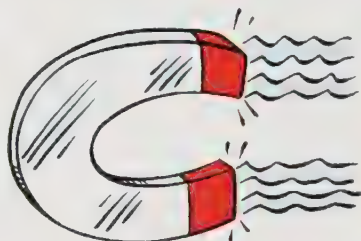
"YES--AND HERE COMES THE METEOR I SAW!



"--BUT IT'S ONLY HALF A CHAOS EMERALD?

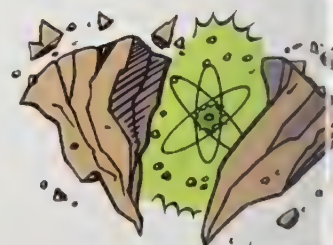
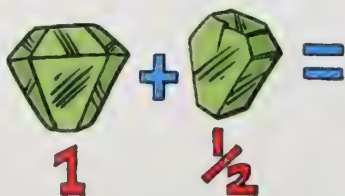
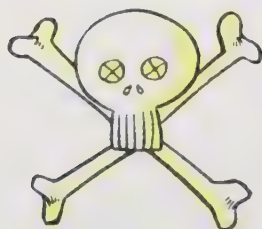
"I SEE... THE TWO GEMS HAVE A MAGNETIC ATTRACTION!

"AND THEY'RE SO POWERFUL THAT THE SHARD WILL TUNNEL THROUGH SOLID ROCK TO JOIN WITH THE WHOLE ONE...



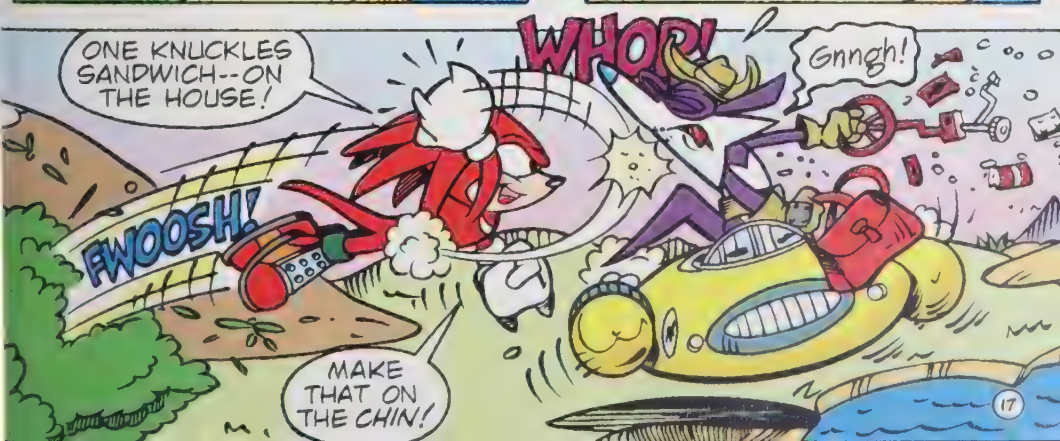
"...BUT BEWARE!

"FOR IF ONE EMERALD SUDDENLY BECOMES ONE AND A HALF..."



"...THE ENERGY IMBALANCE WILL BLOW THE ISLAND TO BITS!" (16)







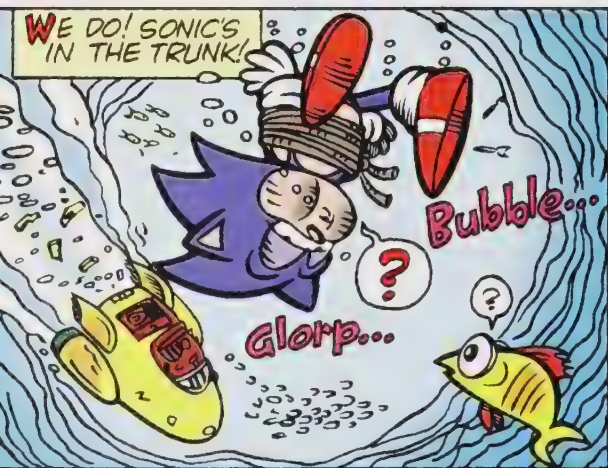
HE'S OUT COLD... AND HIS SKY CYCLE'S GOING INTO THE LAKE!

AHHH... WHO CARES?

**SPLOONK!**



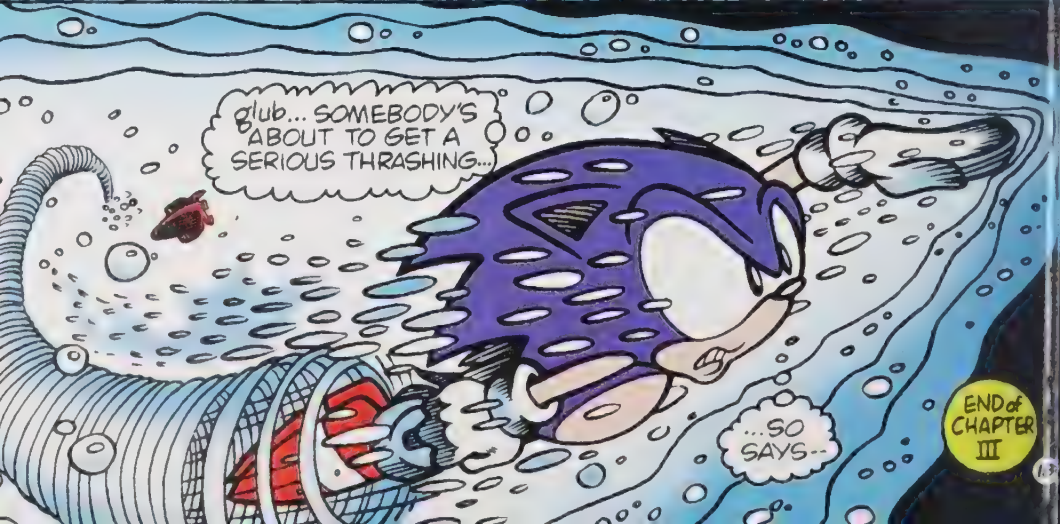
WE DO! SONIC'S IN THE TRUNK!



BUT, HE COMES TO AND GOES INTO A SONIC SPIN! O.O



glub... SOMEBODY'S ABOUT TO GET A SERIOUS THRASHING...



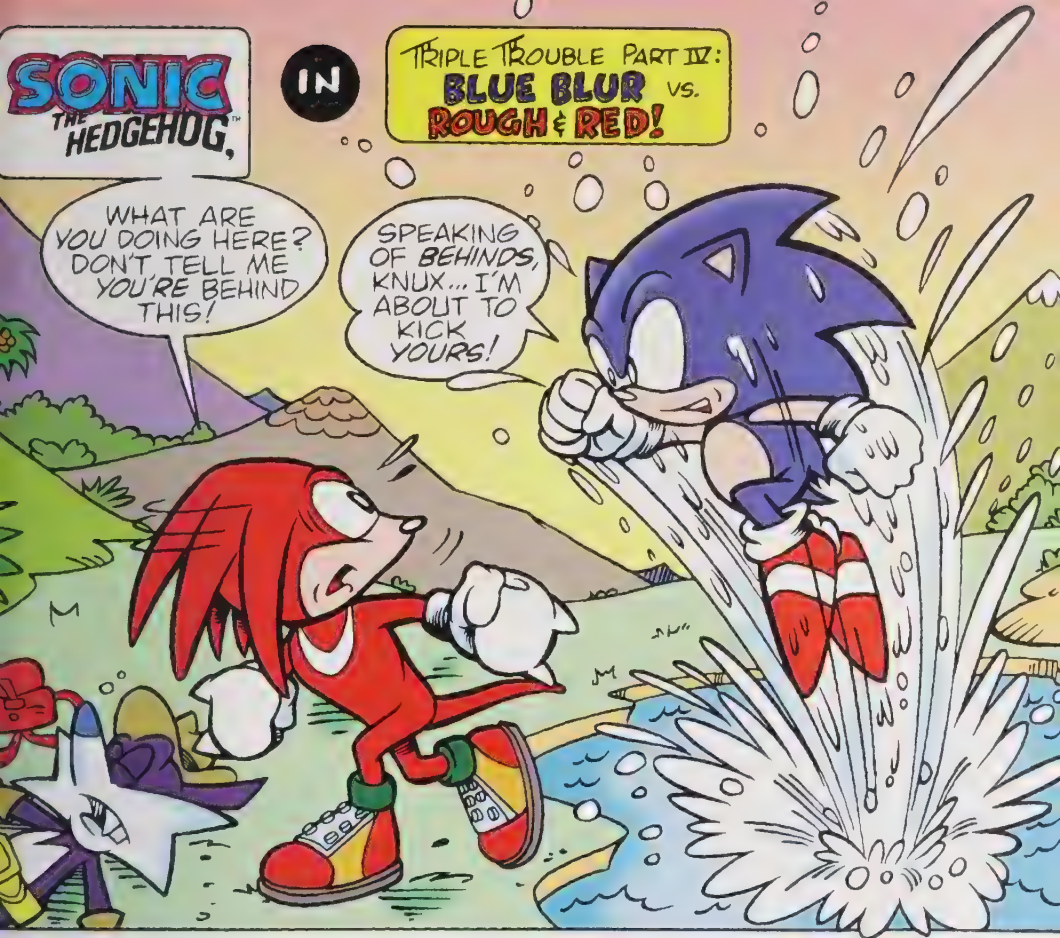
...SO SAYS--

END of  
CHAPTER  
III



WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?  
DON'T TELL ME  
YOU'RE BEHIND  
THIS!

SPEAKING  
OF BEHINDS,  
KNUX... I'M  
ABOUT TO  
KICK  
YOURS!



THIS WHOLE EXPERIENCE  
HAS LEFT ME CROSS... AND  
SPEAKING OF A LEFT CROSS...



LEND ME A FIN.

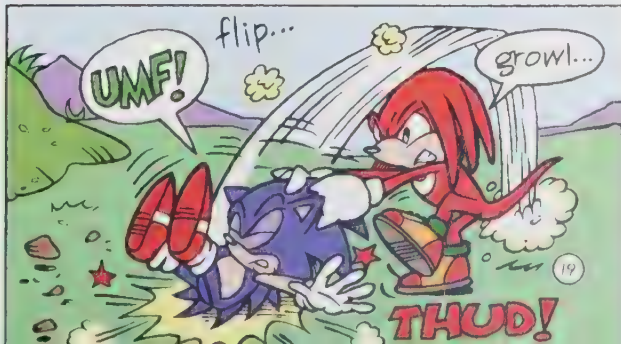
WHOA! HE GRABBED ME  
IN MID-AIR!



UMF!

flip...

growl...



TASTE THE AGONY OF DE FEET!

KLOP!

Hrrrgh!

THAT DOES IT!  
I'M GOING HYPER-  
KNUCKLES ON YOU!

AM I  
SUPPOSED TO BE  
IMPRESSED?

Vwheeee!

Vwheeee!!

NO--YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE  
CHECKING INTO THE EMERGENCY  
ROOM!

TWOK!

urk...

YOU'RE  
DEAD, RED  
MEAT!

SEZ YOU,  
BLUE!

CALLING NACK  
THE WEASEL...  
COME IN!



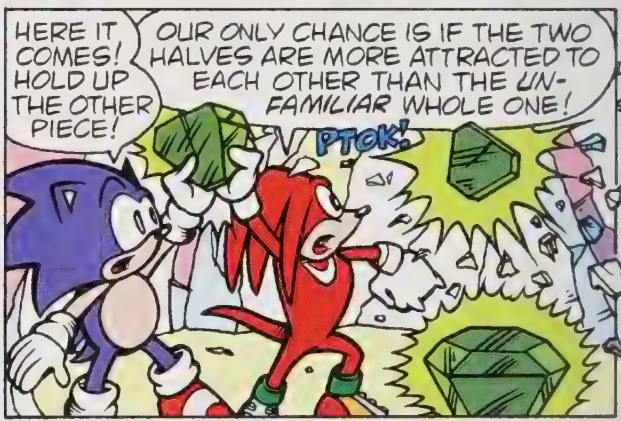




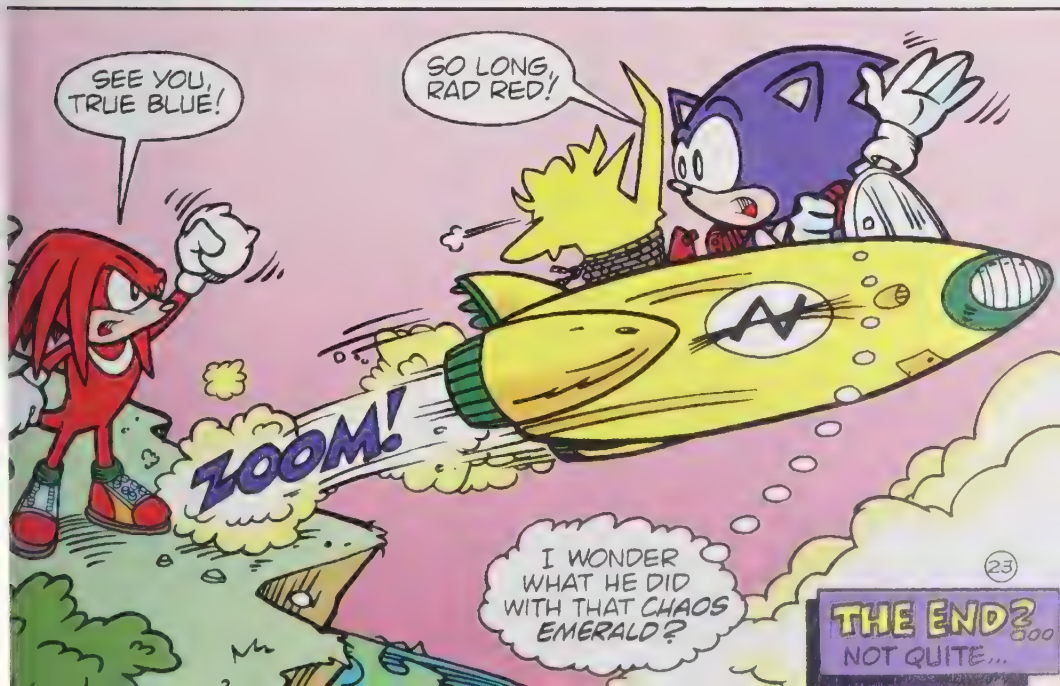
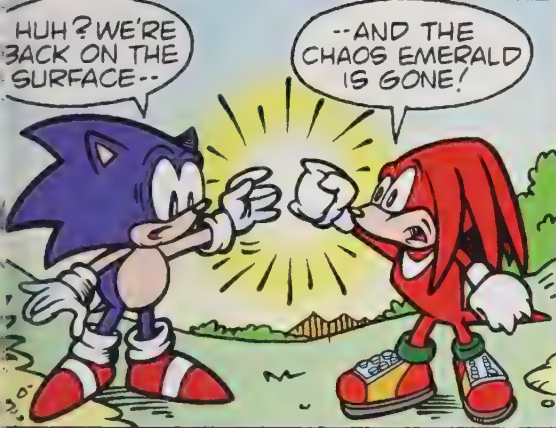


HANG ON, KNUX! WE'LL GET THERE FASTER AT MAXI-SONIC SPEED!

HURRY! I CAN HEAR IT CRUNCHING THROUGH THE GROUND!

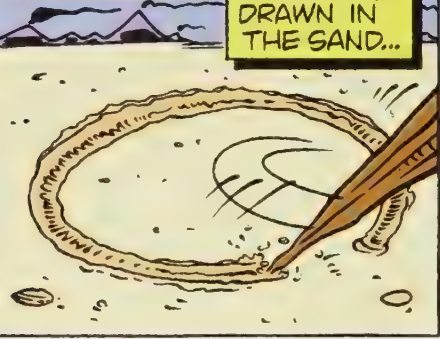






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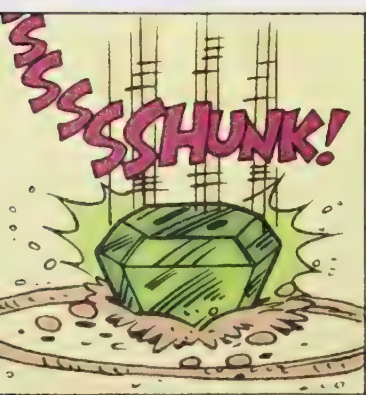
ELSEWHERE,  
A CIRCLE IS  
DRAWN IN  
THE SAND...



ANCIENT EYES  
LOOK SKYWARD...



AN AGE-OLD  
PROPHECY  
IS FULFILLED...



...AND THE  
CYCLE BEGINS  
ANEW!





# TAILS

IN A  
**SOLO**  
STORY:

## "SUBMERSIBLE REHEARSAL"

CHECK IT OUT! I FINISHED  
YOUR SUBMARINE \*  
"THE SEA FOX"!

OH, WOW!  
IT'S WAY PAST  
RADICOOOL!

THANKS,  
ROTOR!

\*ALLUDED TO IN THIS ISSUE'S  
FIRST STORY- Editor

YOU'VE BEEN WANTING ONE SINCE WE RODE  
IN MY BATHYSPHERE WAY BACK WHEN! \*\* THIS  
MODEL'S GOT A LOT OF NEW FEATURES!

**PLUNK!**

EXCELLENT! I'M  
GONNA FIRE IT UP  
AND SEE WHAT THIS  
BABY CAN DO!

**SPLOOP!**

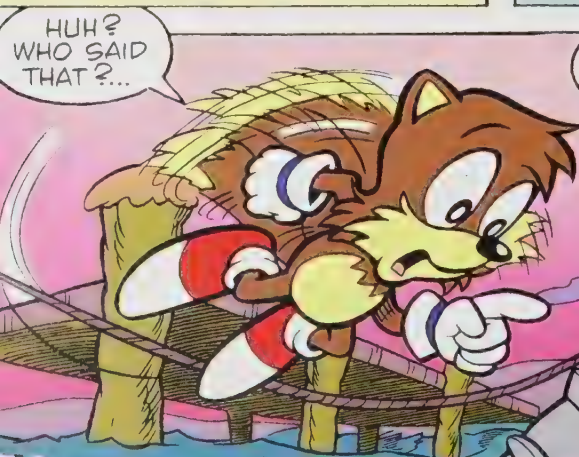
\*\* DIG THROUGH YOUR BACK ISSUES  
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THIS IS AN OUTRAGE! HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I HELPED THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS BATTLE ROBOTNIK?\* YET THEY STILL TREAT ME LIKE A CHILD! AFTER ALL I'VE DONE!

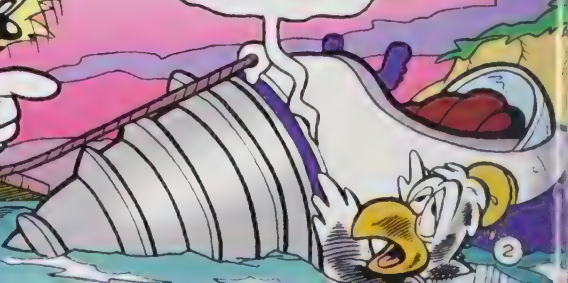


\*YOU TELL US- WRITE "SONIC-GRAMS" Ed.

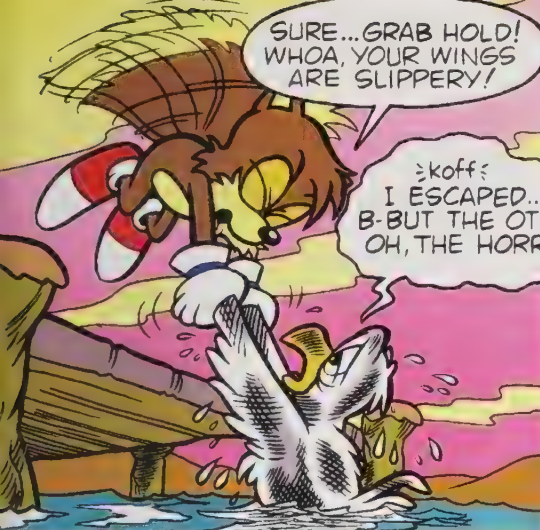


OH MY GOSH! AN OIL-SOAKED SEA GULL!

≥wheeze: B-BARELY SWAM T-TO SHORE... H-H-HELP!

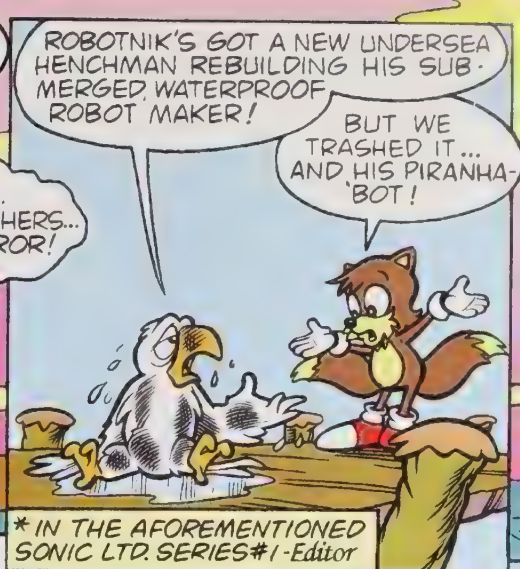






SURE...GRAB HOLD!  
WHOA, YOUR WINGS  
ARE SLIPPERY!

Ykoff:  
I ESCAPED...  
B-BUT THE OTHERS...  
OH, THE HORROR!



ROBOTNIK'S GOT A NEW UNDERSEA  
HENCHMAN REBUILDING HIS SUB-  
MERGED, WATERPROOF  
ROBOT MAKER!

BUT WE  
TRASHED IT...  
AND HIS PIRANHA-  
'BOT!

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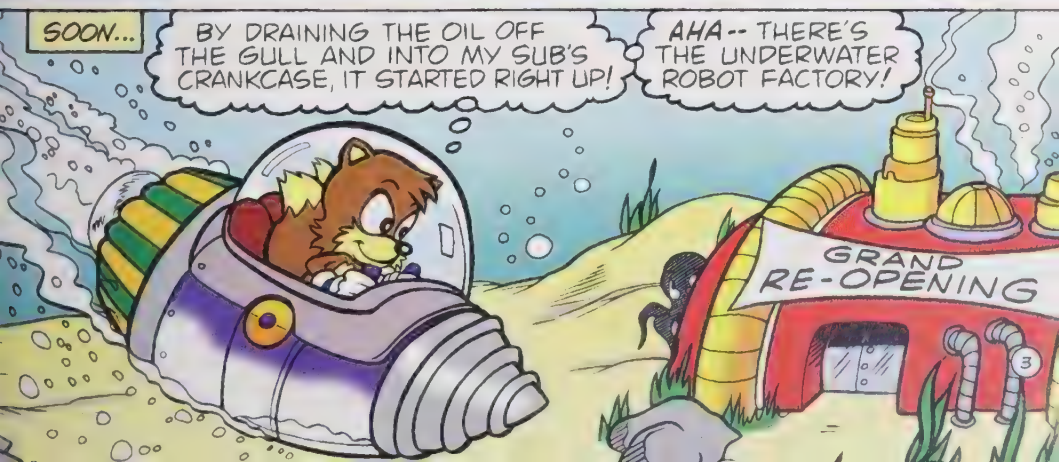


THIS GUY'S EIGHT TIMES  
WORSE! HE'S GRABBING  
INNOCENT CREATURES TO  
BE ROBOTICIZED! YOU'VE  
GOTTA GET IN YOUR SUB-  
MARINE AND STOP HIM!

I CAN  
SEE THE  
LOCATION  
FROM THE  
OIL SLICK  
YOU LEFT,  
BUT...



YEAH-- HE OILED ME  
UP GOOD! I'M A 10-W-40  
MESS! WHAT AM I SUPPOSED  
TO DO WITH ALL THIS  
**OIL ???**



SOON...

BY DRAINING THE OIL OFF  
THE GULL AND INTO MY SUB'S  
CRANKCASE, IT STARTED RIGHT UP!

AHA-- THERE'S  
THE UNDERWATER  
ROBOT FACTORY!

GRAND  
RE-OPENING



YOW! AND THERE'S  
ROBOTNIK'S NEW  
HENCHMAN --

**OCTOBOT'S** THE NAME! TURNING YOU  
GUYS INTO MINDLESS ROBOTS  
IS THE GAME!

IN

Blub!  
HELP!

SEA FOX TO  
THE RESCUE!

WHOOOSH...

WHAT  
THE--?!

TURN THEM  
LOOSE, YOU EIGHT-  
ARMED IDIOT!

BOOMF!

WE'RE  
FREE!

HOORAY!

OOOGAH...

I'M ON A ROLL...  
A TORPEDO ROLL,  
THAT IS ...

8 ROBOTICIZERS - NO  
WADING!

FSSSSH...





\*IS HE TALKING ABOUT A TAILS MINI-SERIES? STAY TUNED! -Editor



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IN

# FIRST CONTACT

I SWEAR YOU'LL  
BE THE DEATH OF  
ME YET, VECTOR!

WHY DO YOU  
ALWAYS DO  
THIS TO ME?

WELL, YOU  
BETTER WATCH  
IT NEXT TIME--

--OR I'LL  
REALLY MAKE IT  
HOT FOR YOU!

BLUB  
BLUB

SO I  
ZIGGED  
WHEN I  
SHOULD'VE  
ZAGGED!

I USUALLY  
DON'T TRAVEL THE  
HOT SPOTS OF THE  
FLOATING ISLAND!

GRACIAS,  
AMIGO!

LATER!

≡SIGH≡

WHY DO  
I EVEN  
BOTHER?

HMMMM?



THE DREADLOCKS  
ON MY HEAD ARE  
TWITCHING!

SOMETHING  
SMELLS,  
BIG TIME!

HMM! A VERY  
LOW SOUND --  
IT'S NEARBY!

WAIT A MINUTE!  
WHAT'S THAT?!!

"ARCHIMEDES"?

SOUNDS LIKE A  
HISTORY LESSON!

BUT THAT  
SMOKE COMING  
FROM THE ROCK  
MUST BE WHAT I  
SMELLED!

NOW WHO--OR  
WHAT-- IS AN  
ARCHIMEDES?

AND HOW COULD  
HE-SHE-IT MAKE  
THIS INSCRIPTION  
AND GET AWAY  
WITHOUT ME  
SEEING?!

WHATEVER --  
THIS ARCHIMEDES  
WANTS ME TO  
FOLLOW 'IM --

--AND I DON'T  
INTEND TO  
DISAPPOINT!







MAYBE I  
WOKE UP ON THE  
WRONG SIDE  
OF THE BED?

WHAT DID I DO  
TO DESERVE  
THIS?

FA-VOOOSH!

FA-VOOOSH!

FA-VOOOSH!

WELL, I'M THROUGH  
BEIN' EVERYONE'S  
PIGEON!



IT'S ONE OF  
THAT JERK  
ROBOTNIK'S  
ROBOTS!

COULD IT  
BE--?

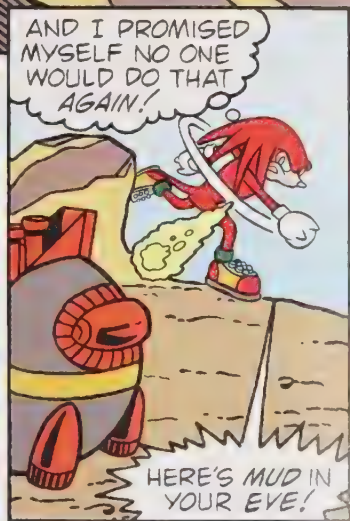
FWOOOOSH!



YEAH, I BET IT'S HIM!  
I BET HE'S BACK!

AND I ALSO  
BET HE'S THIS  
"ARCHIMEDES"!

HE'S TRICKED  
ME BEFORE!\*

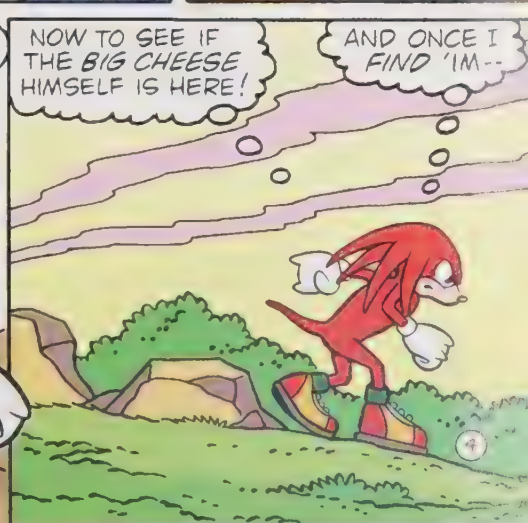


AND I PROMISED  
MYSELF NO ONE  
WOULD DO THAT  
AGAIN!

HERE'S MUD IN  
YOUR EYE!



SCRATCH  
THAT 'BOT!



NOW TO SEE IF  
THE BIG CHEESE  
HIMSELF IS HERE!

AND ONCE I  
FIND 'IM--

\*SONIC #13 AND  
SONIC & KNUCKLES #1  
--Editor



--I'M GONNA  
GIVE 'IM MORE  
THAN JUST A  
PIECE OF MY  
MIND!

RRRRRRRR

I SHOULD'VE  
FIGURED!

KLIK!  
GRIND!

WHERE THERE'S  
ONE OF YOU GUYS,  
THERE'S MORE  
OF YOU!

WHERE'S  
THE BIG  
MAN, EH,  
BIG FELLA?



KER-RUNCH!

HE AIN'T--  
HEY!

JUST 'CAUSE ROBOTNIK  
GAVE YOU A JOB TO DO--



-- DOESN'T  
MEAN I HAVE  
TO LET YOU  
SUCCEED!



IN FACT--







I'M GONNA **FIRST** FIGURE  
OUT WHAT I'M DOING IN  
THE **CHAOS CHAMBER**--

--THEN I'M GONNA  
THROW YOU OFF THE  
ISLAND ONCE AND  
FOR ALL, **ROBOTNIK**!

**ROBOTNIK?**

DID YOU SAY  
**ROBOTNIK**?

IF THE SHOE  
FITS...

FIRST YOU  
THINK I'M SOME  
**HEDGEHOG**,\*  
THEN A **MAD**  
**TYRANT**!

WELL, WHO ELSE  
COULD YOU BE?

YOU SAW  
THE NAME  
ON THE  
STONE.

THERE  
IS ONLY ONE  
**ARCHIMEDES**  
AND I AM HE.

\*AS SHOWN IN **SONIC & KNUCKLES**  
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WHY DON'T  
YOU **SHOW**  
YOURSELF  
TO ME?

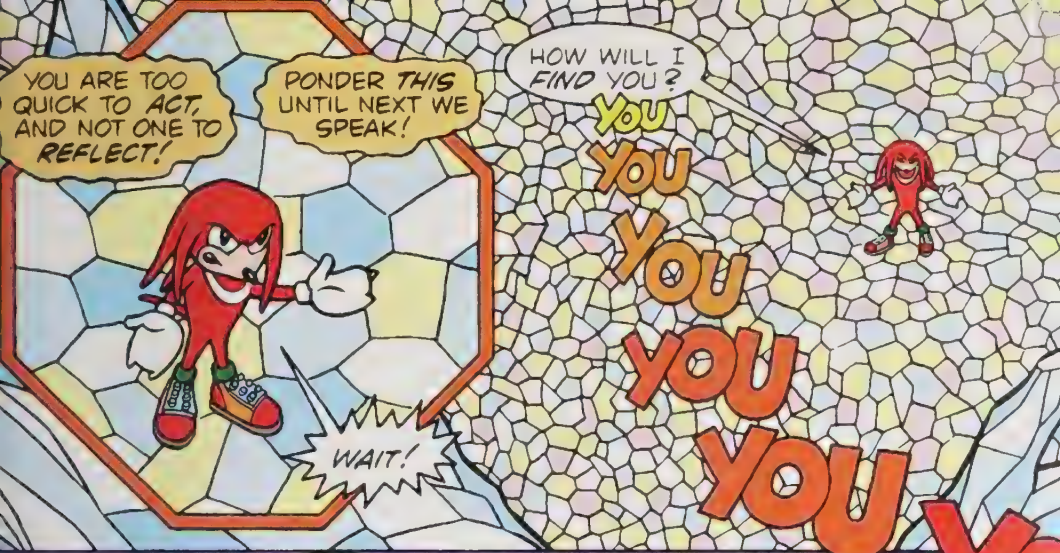
AH, BUT  
THAT IS **PART**  
OF THE  
**LESSON**!

ONLY  
WHEN YOU  
CAN **FIND**  
ME--

--WILL WE KNOW THAT  
YOU ARE **CAPABLE** OF  
SEEING THE **ANSWER**  
WITHIN THE **QUESTION**!

WHAT DO  
YOU MEAN?





YOU ARE TOO QUICK TO ACT, AND NOT ONE TO REFLECT!

PONDER THIS UNTIL NEXT WE SPEAK!

HOW WILL I FIND YOU?

you  
you  
you  
you  
you  
you

WAIT!

THAT EVENING...

KNUCKLES! WHAT'S UP, MY MAN?

YOU'RE WAY TOO QUIET!

I'M THINKING, VECTOR!



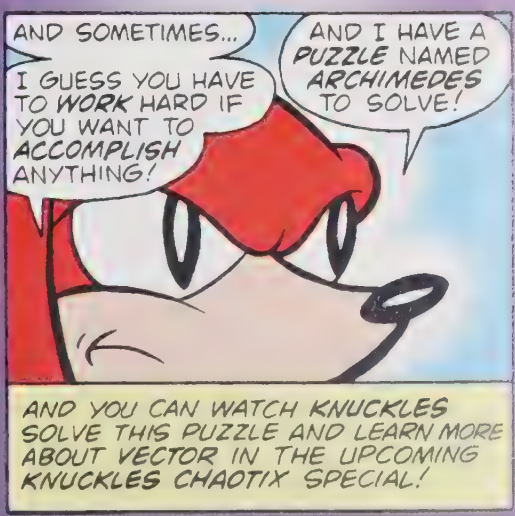
AND?



MY HEAD HURTS!

WHAT'CHA THINKING ABOUT?

THAT THINGS WOULDN'T HURT SO MUCH IF I DIDN'T THINK!



AND SOMETIMES...

I GUESS YOU HAVE TO WORK HARD IF YOU WANT TO ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING!

AND I HAVE A PUZZLE NAMED ARCHIMEDES TO SOLVE!

AND YOU CAN WATCH KNUCKLES SOLVE THIS PUZZLE AND LEARN MORE ABOUT VECTOR IN THE UPCOMING KNUCKLES CHAOTIX SPECIAL!

# THE SUBSTITUTE FREEDOM FIGHTERS



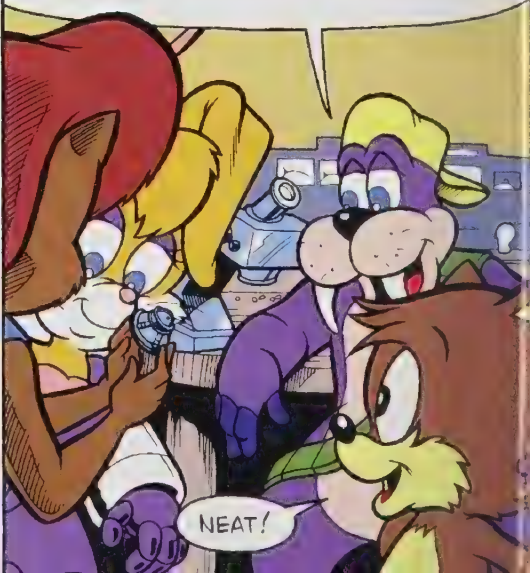
WATCHA  
WORKING ON,  
BIG FELLA?

OUI...  
WHAT ISS ZEE  
ARTEEST'S LATEST  
MASTERPIECE?

HMMM?  
OH!

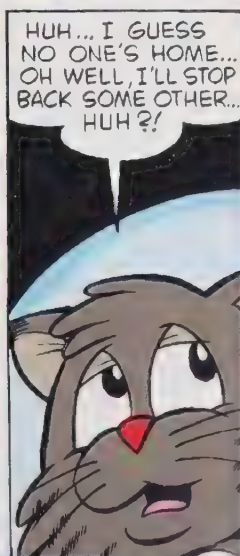
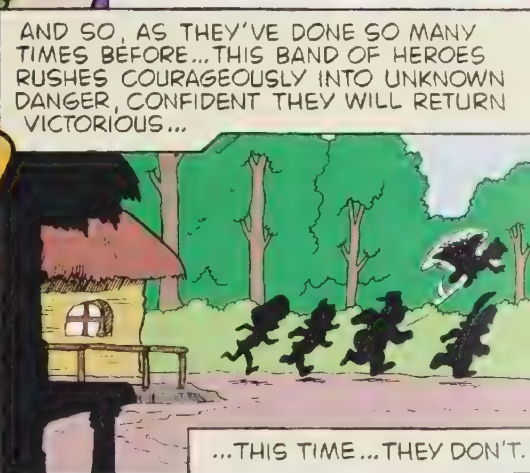
IT'S CALLED THE "MICRO BELT-CAM"!  
IT'S A DEVICE THAT WILL ATTACH TO  
MY BELT AND RECORD OUR  
ACTIONS IN COMBAT.

THE CAMERA RECORDS OUR ACTIVITIES  
AND RELAYS THEM BACK TO KNOTHOLE'S  
COMPUTERS. THEN WE CAN REVIEW THEM  
LATER TO IMPROVE OUR TEAMWORK.



NEAT!

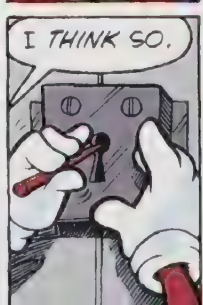
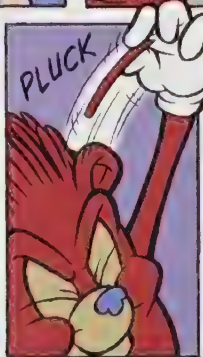
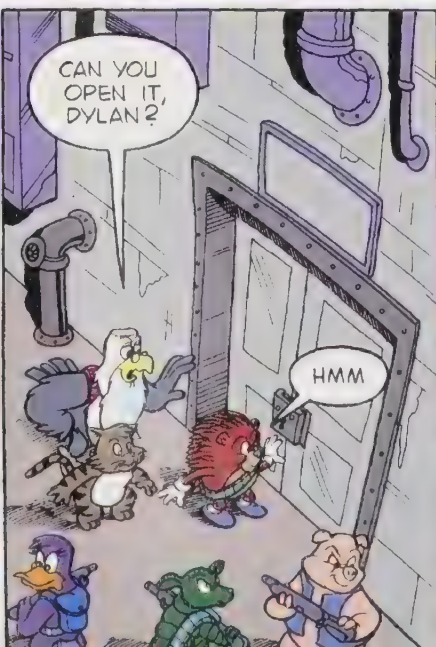
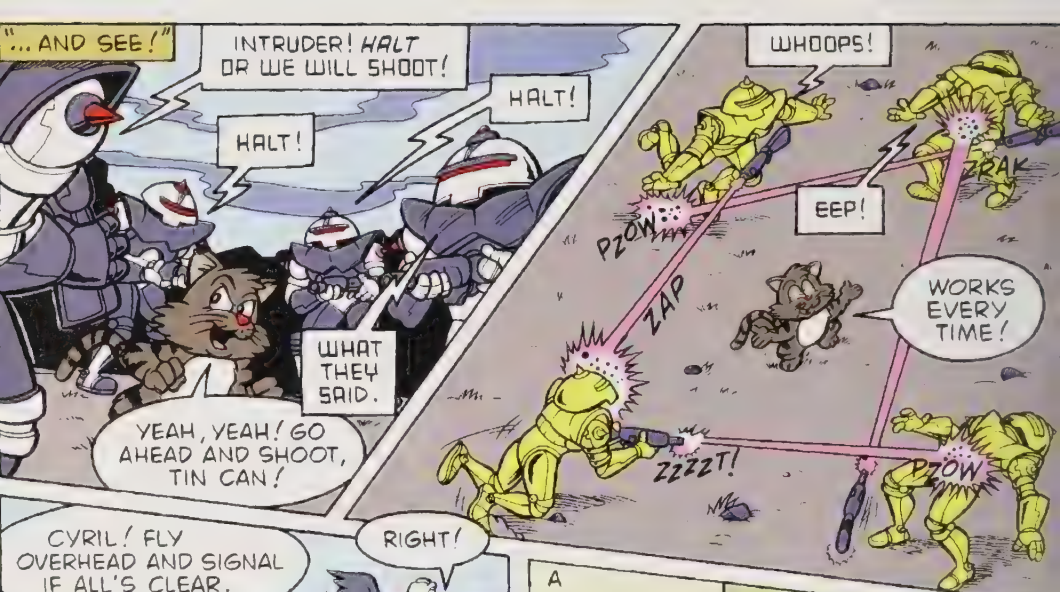




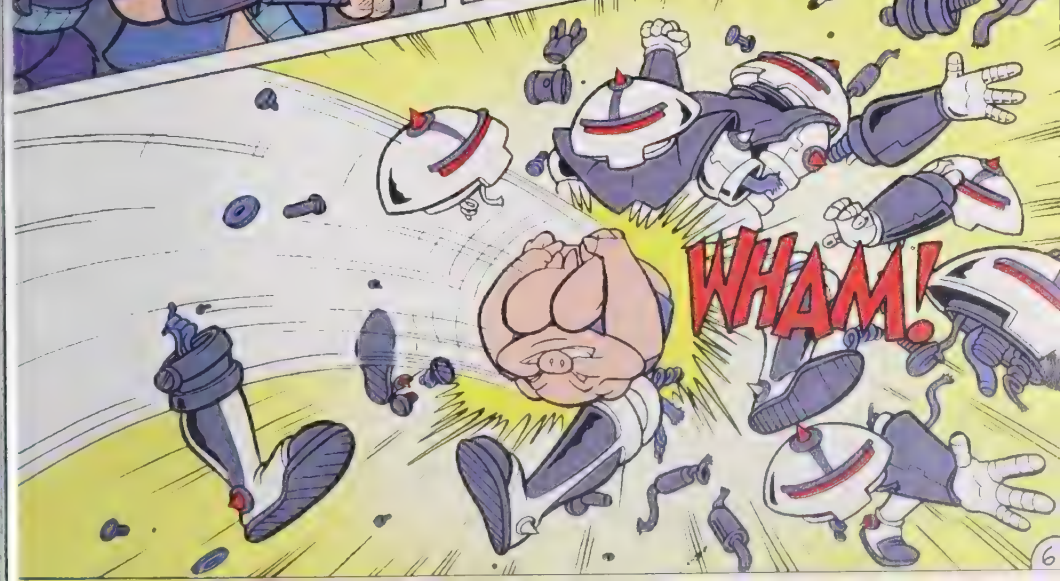
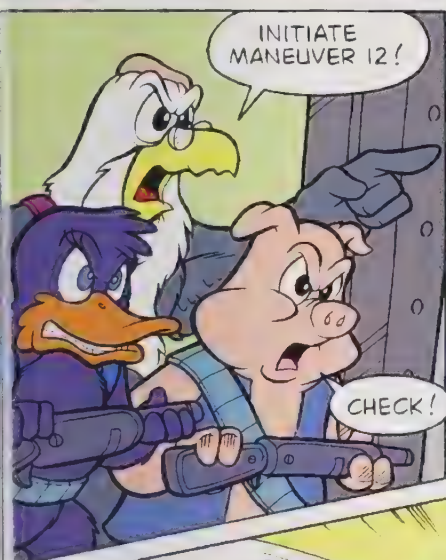


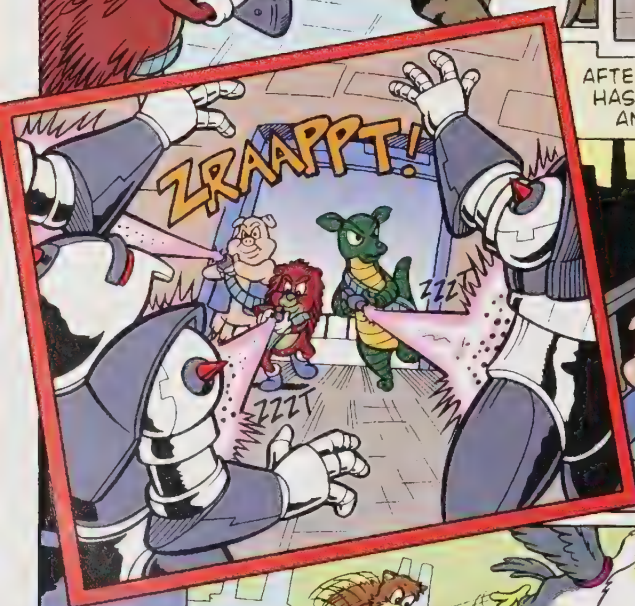














THE NEXT DAY  
AT KNOTHOLE...

THANKS TO YOU ALL, AND ROTOR'S MICRO  
CAM ... WE'RE ALL SAFE! AND THESE WATCHES  
WE'VE GIVEN YOU WILL ALERT YOU ALL IF YOUR  
HELP IS EVER NEEDED AGAIN!

WOW!

NIFTY!

LARRY... YOUR QUICK THINKING HAS MADE US  
REALIZE WE CAN'T DO EVERYTHING ALONE. WE  
NEED A BACK-UP EMERGENCY TEAM... A TEAM  
WE THINK YOU SHOULD  
LEAD!

GOSH, PRINCESS,  
I ... I DON'T  
KNOW WHAT  
TO SAY ~~choke~~

JUST SAY YES, LARRY... YES THAT YOU  
WILL LEAD THE SUBSTITUTE LEGION OF  
FREEDOM FIGHTERS!!

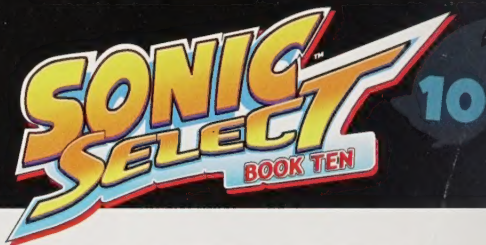
YES!!

WILL WE SEE THE LEGION AGAIN? TIME (AND YOU, THE FANS) WILL TELL!

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